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Govt restores commercial LPG supply to pre-war level

All Sectoral Restrictions Off As Crisis Ebbs

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New Delhi: Extending major relief to commercial and industrial LPG consumers, govt on Thursday removed all sectoral restrictions on the supply of non-domestic packed liquefied petroleum gas and restored supplies to the levels prevailing before the West Asia conflict began.

Govt has also relaxed the supply of bulk LPG, which had been suspended at the onset of the crisis, to 50% of pre-crisis consumption levels. Officials said the restoration follows the recent improvement in the supply situation. Petroleum secretary Neeraj Mittal has written to the chief secretaries of all states and Union territories to ensure smooth implementation of the revised supply arrangements, govt said.

The decision indicates that the energy market is now getting back to normalcy, with the price pressure also easing for companies, which are still saddled with losses.

Following the disruption in energy supplies through the Strait of Hormuz amid the conflict in West Asia, govt restricted commercial LPG supplies to just 20% of pre-conflict levels and accorded the highest priority to ensuring uninterrupted availability of cooking gas to domestic consumers across the country.

▶Production goes up, P 8

CARGO SHIP STRUCK IN HORMUZ

- Indian crude prices return to pre-conflict levels, with **basket priced at $70.71/barrel.** It rose to $113.49 in March and softened to $106.23 in May
- Oil minister **Hardeep Puri discusses enhanced cooperation** in hydrocarbons with **Iranian counterpart Mohsen Paknejad**
- UN agency pauses evacuation of ships through Hormuz after cargo ship hit by projectile following passage of several tankers. **US officials claim Iran fired at the vessel**
- Iraq steps up push for bigger Opec production quotas as it seeks to recoup oil sales, **raises prospect that it could consider exit in future**
- US wants to reach a deal with Iran **but won't do so 'at any price'**, secretary of state Marco Rubio says, adds **tolls in Hormuz are unacceptable**

US tariffs may go back up, warns Bessent

US treasury secretary Scott Bessent has said that tariffs could return to their previous levels if the Section 301 investigations being conducted by the US trade representative result in fresh levies. "Right now, we have something called Section 122 tariffs, which is a 10% global tariff," Bessent said. The law allows US administration to impose Section 122 tariffs for 150 days and they will expire July 24.

USTR has proposed 12.5% additional tariff on India for alleged failure to crack down on imports using forced labour. The results of the second probe on structural excess capacity in 15 countries, including India, are awaited. **P 17**

Amazon to ramp up India investment to record $48bn by '30

Commits Fresh $13bn For AI & Cloud Businesses

New Delhi: Amazon on Thursday announced fresh investment of $13 billion, which will largely go towards AI and cloud businesses, taking its recent commitment to $48 billion by 2030 and making it the largest overseas investor in the country.

FULL Q&A : P 17

"If you look at the combination of the $40 billion since 2010 and the incremental $48 billion through 2030, the largest absolute amount of it is still in our marketplace business. But increasingly we are investing very substantial amounts of it in our AWS (Amazon Web Services) and our cloud and AI businesses," Amazon president and CEO Andy Jassy told **TOI**, adding that investment in the cloud and AI business will total around $21 billion.

PTI

Amazon CEO Andy Jassy called on PM Modi in New Delhi

Welcoming the investment, PM Modi posted: "This will create new opportunities for our youth. At the same time, it shows the growing interest across the world to invest in India!" TNN

▶Commits $95bn, P 17

Passport was not citizenship proof even in 1967 Act: MEA

New Delhi: Buried under the heap of comments regarding Wednesday's clarification by MEA officials that a passport is not proof of Indian citizenship lies the fact that the statement was merely a reiteration of what has been followed by the authorities over last several decades. Official sources said as much on Thursday.

"It was not decided yesterday that the passport is not proof of citizenship. It was not even decided in the last 12 years. The passport has never been a proof of citizenship. Passports Act 1967 says that passports can be given to non-citizens. Judgments of Bombay HC from 2013 have also made it clear a passport is not proof of citizenship," an official said. TNN

▶Steep hike in fee; 250% jump in Tatkal charges, P 8

▶Need for proof, P 14

Rly allows javelin, bulky sports gear; jolt for pole vault

Sportspersons will now be allowed to carry javelins and bulky sports equipment on trains even if they exceed the prescribed dimensions. However, pole vault poles have been excluded from the relaxation. Sports equipment can be booked and carried in the luggage space of trains on a priority basis, says a circular. PTI

Triple murder accused changes version on BF role

Shwetha, a key suspect in the murder of her parents and sister, has been making conflicting statements about the sequence of events and also on her live-in partner Kenneth's alleged role in the June 22 crime. The 24-year-old woman has been remanded in seven-day police custody, while Kenneth is still at large. **P 3**

Killing of 6 Nagas 'grave mistake': Kuki-Zo Council

In the first public expression of remorse in violence-hit Manipur, Kuki Zo Council has apologised for killing six abducted Naga civilians, describing it as a "grave mistake" driven by emotion. The apology comes after the bodies were found on June 10. **P 15**

₹1.3L shoes stolen from B'luru flats

Clean hands and no footprint, barring CCTV images. A miscreant targeted an apartment complex in east Bengaluru and walked away with 27 pairs of branded shoes worth Rs 1.3 lakh on June 17. CCTV footage showed the miscreant cleaning up shoe racks in a 15-minute heist around 4am. **P 3**

INQUIZITIVE

Our weekly quiz will now appear every Friday. For today's Inquizitive, turn to **P 14**

Tenure clause: KSCA secy disqualified

In a blow to Karnataka State Cricket Association, BCCI ombudsman has disqualified its secretary Santosh Menon on the grounds he had completed a cumulative 9-year tenure. It has declared the post vacant. Its chief Venkatesh Prasad said they would seek legal recourse. **P 20**

Man gets 40 yrs in jail for raping toddler

After 8 witnesses testified, a special Pocso court in UP sentenced a 32-year-old man to 40 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 after finding him guilty of raping his two-year-old niece in '24. TNN

2 quakes jolt Venezuela: Official toll 188, thousands feared dead

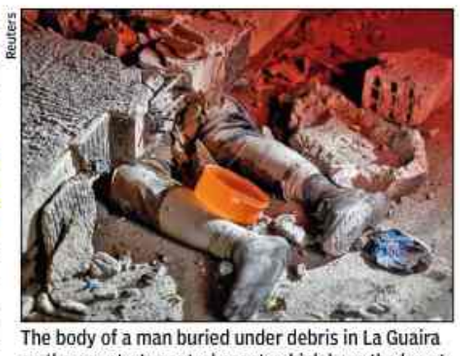
Caracas: Thousands of Venezuelans were feared dead on Thursday after two powerful earthquakes wreaked havoc in and around capital Caracas, trapping people beneath the rubble of collapsed buildings and setting off powerful aftershocks.

A magnitude 7.2 earthquake hit about 160km west of Caracas Wednesday afternoon, followed less than a minute later by a magnitude 7.5 tremor, according to the US Geological Survey. The agency called it a "seismic doublet" – two earthquakes of similar magnitude striking the same region in close succession. Many Venezuelans were at home when the quakes struck during a public holiday.

▶7.2-quake hits northern Japan, P 18

President of Venezuela's national assembly Jorge Rodriguez said at least 188 people had been killed, and 1,520 injured. Interim President Delcy Rodriguez, who took over after Trump ordered the capture of President Nicolas Maduro in a raid in Jan, said the govt was working with businesses to deploy heavy machinery to help those trapped. La Guaira state, near Caracas and home to the city's airport, was worst affected. Witnesses' footage showed scenes of panic as ceilings came down in the airport and rubble from destroyed buildings lined the seafront.

"We are carrying out very intense rescue efforts to save as many lives as God allows us to," the interim president said on state TV, declaring a state of emergency. AGENCIES



Reuters

The body of a man buried under debris in La Guaira on the country's central coast, which bore the brunt

▶Earthquake toll in thousands, P 18

8 detained after FIR in Ram temple donations case

Lucknow: Two days after an SIT submitted its preliminary report to UP CM Yogi Adityanath on alleged embezzlement of donations at Ayodhya's Ram Temple, eight people, including the person in charge of counting cash at the temple's pilgrim facilitation centre, were detained Thursday after an FIR was registered against them, report **Pathikrit Chakraborty and Arshad Afzaal Khan.**

Subhash Srivastava was in charge of counting cash after donations collected from devotees in 40 boxes reached the centre. Investigators are examining his alleged role, along with seven others, in the suspected diversion of temple funds.

▶Diversion of money, P 15

Cong: Will drop Bidadi project if farmers refuse to give up land

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: In first signs of state govt developing cold feet on its controversial Rs 20,000-crore Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township project near Bidadi, Congress Thursday indicated it may drop the initiative if farmers remain opposed to parting with their land.

The party's remarks come amid opposition to the proposed 9,000-acre township intensifies. Farmers, along with BJP and JD(S), have objected to the project.

The govt recently issued a notification to acquire around 500 acres for the first phase. Nearly 3,000 farmers have announced plans to launch Chipko-style protests on Saturday demanding that the project be abandoned.

GETS COLD FEET?

- Governing party's remarks **follows intensified opposition from farmers, BJP & JD(S)**
- After govt recently issued notification to acquire 500 acres, **3k farmers warned of Chipko-style protests Saturday**
- KPCC chief B K Hariprasad says **Congress won't force 9,000-acre township project on unwilling landowners**
- In fresh letter to CM, **HDK invites him to join him for meeting with Byramangala farmers, locals** Saturday

KPCC president BK Hariprasad said in Hubballi that the party would not force the project on unwilling landowners. "JD(S), when it held reins, had green-signalled the project. (Our leaders) Dr Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi had ushered in the land reform act. As per that, agricultural landowners will get three times the market rate during acquisition," Hariprasad said.

Adding to the pressure, Union minister HD Kumaraswamy has written to chief minister D K Shivakumar for a second time, urging him to visit Byramangala village in Bidadi on June 27 and interact directly with farmers likely to be affected by the project.

In his letter, Kumaraswamy said discussions on a project of such magnitude should be held in the presence of farmers and local residents. He said he would be in Byramangala from 11am to 2pm on Saturday and invited the chief minister and Greater Bengaluru Authority officials to join him.

3 southern CMs sink differences over Tungabhadra water dispute

Chamaraj Savadi | TNN

Koppal: In a rare display of interstate cooperation, CMs of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana agreed to work towards a lasting solution to Tungabhadra basin water-sharing disputes, with Centre acting as facilitator.

The consensus was reached during a meeting involving Karnataka CM D K Shivakumar, Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu, Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy and Union Jal Shakti minister C R Patil on the sidelines of the inauguration of 33 newly installed crest gates at the Tungabhadra Dam in Munirabad, Koppal district, Thursday.

▶Dam desilting drive, P 4

The new gates replace the 19th crest gate that collapsed in Aug 2024. Addressing a public gathering, Patil said the meeting marked a welcome departure from the past when southern states were often at loggerheads over river water sharing. "There was a time when Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu would constantly be in conflict over river water issues. Now, the CMs of three states are here on one platform and have committed not to quarrel," Patil said

▶Protect farmers, P 4

PURSUING PERMANENT SOLUTION

- Three **CMs hold talks on the sidelines of the dam event** in Munirabad
- **33 new crest gates inaugurated** at Tungabhadra Dam
- K'taka, Andhra, Telangana **agree to pursue a permanent solution** to Tungabhadra **water disputes**
- **Central govt facilitates discussions** among the 3 states

TNIE

Shivakumar with Andhra CM Naidu (L) and T'gana CM Revanth Reddy at Tungabhadra Dam Thursday

- Upgrade **follows the collapse of the 19th crest gate** in Aug 2024

30 Armymen face FIR for 'rioting' at J&K police stn

Srinagar/Jammu: The commanding officer of 17 Rashtriya Rifles and a Major were among 30-odd Army personnel named in an FIR Thursday. They have been accused of storming a police station in J&K's Kishtwar, assaulting cops on duty and damaging govt property after a military vehicle was intercepted for allegedly obstructing deputy commissioner's convoy on a narrow road, **report Naseer Ganai & Sanjay Khajuria.**

The FIR invokes, among other charges, attempt to murder (Section 109 of BNS) and vandalism (Section 3(1) of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act).

▶Army examines, P 8

K'taka sets six-month deadline to fill 72k vacancies in govt depts

Bengaluru: Karnataka govt has set a six-month deadline to complete recruitment for 72,186 vacant posts across various departments. This follows an announcement made by CM D K Shivakumar soon after the first cabinet meeting held on June 3.

Govt issued an order Wednesday, stating the finance department has approved filling 40,009 vacancies across departments from 2023-24 till date. It has also given consent to fill 32,177 posts in the Kalyana-Karnataka region.

The entire process—from notifications to appointment — will be completed in six months. Recruitment notices are to be issued within the next two months, while exams are to be held within four months. Additional chief secretary and development commissioner have been tasked with monitoring recruitment in 17 departments. Additional chief secretary will oversee recruitment in 34 other departments. TNN

EXAMS IN 4 MTHS

- 72,186 posts vacant across departments
- Recruitment **notices to be issued in next 2 months**
- **Exams** for hiring to be held **within 4 months**
- Additional chief secretary, development commissioner to oversee recruitment

Beaten with rods, dogs kept to scare: Rescued workers

Agra: Days after 12 bonded labourers were rescued from a factory in Muzaffarnagar's Mandi village in Uttar Pradesh, survivors told police and doctors that they were confined for months, beaten with iron rods and spear-like tools as ferocious pit bull dogs guarded them lest they try to escape, **reports Mohammad Dilshad.**

The workers, rescued during a police operation at the factory under Titawi police station limits, are undergoing medical treatment and psychological counselling. Police are also probing their allegation that a 13th labourer, Arjun, was killed in Nov 2025, and his body dumped.

▶Months of captivity, P 15

CBSE 3-language rule to start with Std 6, won't hit 7th & 9th batches

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New Delhi: In what is going to make millions of them breathe easy, students returning to schools after the summer break in July will not be forced into an abrupt language switch midway through schooling. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan told **TOI** on Thursday that the requirement of studying two Indian languages under the three-language policy will begin with Class 6 and progress gradually, instead of being applied retrospectively to students already in Classes 7, 8 and 9 in CBSE schools.

This means students who opted for two foreign languages under the existing CBSE system can continue with their current combination until their Class 10 board exam, which for Class 7 would be in 2030 and for Class 9 in 2028.

CBSE is expected to issue an amended order after deliberations in its governing council. The move answers a concern schools and parents raised after CBSE asked affiliated schools to roll out the policy from July. The fear was that a student who had studied a foreign language for years could suddenly be told to drop it in Class 9 for an Indian one—which would have meant academic stress for children and operational strain for schools.

Pradhan said the board's earlier communication had not clearly spelt out the transition for students already in the system.

▶'Couldn't give order', P 9

Pradhan backs Emergency lessons

A day after **TOI** first reported that NCERT had introduced the 1975-77 Emergency in the class IX social science textbook, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday backed the move, saying future generations must know the "dark deeds" of that period. TNN

Textbook Krishna named after river, not god: NCERT; activists say they're in dark

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Amid allegations of backdoor saffronisation of grade 6 Kannada (third language) textbook, National Council of Educational Research and Training Thursday defended the book title and its content on diet and nutrition.

People's Alliance for Fundamental Right to Education, a collective of educationists and activists, alleged the NCERT textbook is attempting to push mythology, religion and vegetarianism and it fails to capture the diversity of Karnataka. It also criticised naming the book, 'Krishna'.

On the title 'Krishna'. NCERT said its language textbooks under the R3 series have been named after rivers of India. Hindi textbook is titled 'Ganga', English book 'Kaveri' and Urdu book 'Yamuna'.

Similarly, the Kannada textbook has been named 'Krishna' after the Krishna river, one of Karnataka's major rivers. This seeks to strengthen students' sense of rootedness and cultural connection, it said.

▶KDA slams NCERT, P 2

₹100 compensation: UP villagers fume after JCB damages graves

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Mathura: A Muslim graveyard committee in Mathura has questioned an official assessment of Rs 100 for each of nine graves damaged by a municipal earthmover, calling the compensation "an insult to the dead". The graves were damaged after an earthmover attached to Mathura-Vrindavan Nagar Nigam allegedly entered the waqf graveyard in April.

The incident took place on the night of April 26, when the earthmover allegedly entered the 117-year-old Kabristan Ahle Muslimeen in Mathura's Manoharpura area while working near a govt water tank on the western side of the premises. The machine belonged to Nature Green Tools and Machines Private Limited and is attached to the Nagar Nigam.

Shakir Hussain, the secretary of the graveyard committee, said the official response was beyond belief. "The administration gave Rs 100 per grave, Rs 100 per tree and Rs 100 per concrete pillar," Hussain told TOI on Thursday.

Anil Agrawal

Kabristan secretary Shakir Hussain shows one of the nine damaged graves

"Families saw graves crushed, burial shrouds come out of the earth and skeletal remains become visible. Yet the official valuation was just Rs 100 per grave. Is this what the dignity of the dead is worth in govt records?" he asked.

▶Damage to graves: Official cites report, P 8

Bangalore Times

Krishi-Aravind row deepens as associate Vaishakh Upadhyaya found dead in her B'luru flat

While hopes run a fullfest for Seven actress Krishi Thapanda and producer Aravind Kaushik's Reality has evolved into a high-profile legal controversy involving harassment allegations, an extortion probe and the death of active associate

The background

Investigators alleged that key evidence, including a mobile phone, had been hidden inside the accused's residence

Realtor arrested for sexually harassing Kannada film actor

We are harassed too: Actress slams online bullying post, files harassment complaint

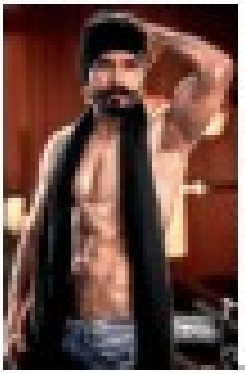
HAL police arrested friend of an actress for sexually threatening producer Aravind Venkatesh Reddy

Buzzstop

JACQUELINE WITHDRAWS SUPERA IN ₹200 CRORE MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Every frame of Dalaramana Dinagalu takes you back to the '80s and '90s era, says producer Shreyas Darshan

I was waiting for the right script to make my acting debut, says Sheelam M Swamy



The horror obsession that Gen Z can't quit

Recurring Metro breakdowns trigger calls for safety, maintenance audit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Repeated disruptions on Namma Metro have triggered demands for a comprehensive safety and maintenance audit of the network, amid growing concerns over its reliability.

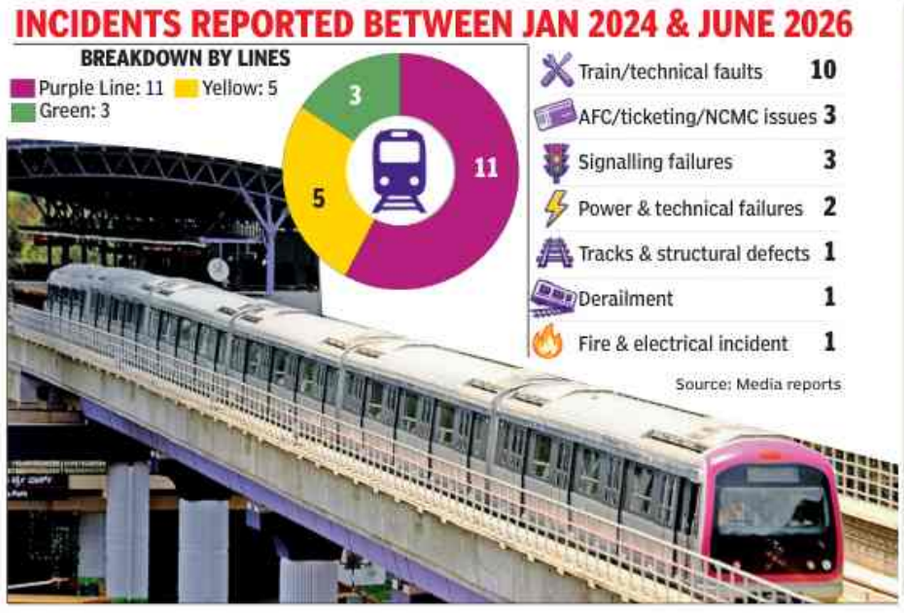
The latest disruption Tuesday evening, caused by a fault in the third-rail system at Cubbon Park station, forced Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) to suspend services on an underground section of the Purple Line, leaving thousands of commuters stranded during peak hours. While services were restored after overnight repair work, the incident has renewed scrutiny of Metro's maintenance practices and operational preparedness. Citing media reports, Bangalore South MP Tejasvi Surya said nearly 20 service disruptions were reported across Metro's operational corridors between Jan 2024 and June 2026. Purple Line, which serves some of the city's busiest residential and employment hubs, including Whitefield IT corridor, has accounted for the highest number of incidents.

Of the reported disruptions, 11 occurred on Purple Line alone, including Tuesday's breakdown. Following the latest incident, Surya wrote to the commissioner of railway safety (southern range), urging the authority to take cognisance of the repeated disruptions and direct BMRCL to undertake a comprehensive safety and maintenance audit.

In another letter to Bengaluru development minister Krishna Byre Gowda, the MP pointed out that BMRCL's operations and maintenance expenditure increased by 133% between 2017-18 and 2023-24, rising from Rs 262.94 crore to Rs 613 crore. At the same time, he noted that Namma Metro charges among the highest fares in the country. Surya said despite higher spending on maintenance and growing revenue collections, commuters continue to face repeated service interruptions that affect their daily travel plans.

BMRCL refused to comment on Surya's letters.

INCIDENTS REPORTED BETWEEN JAN 2024 & JUNE 2026



YET ANOTHER GLITCH ON PURPLE LINE AS JAMMED DOOR DELAYS TRAIN

Bengaluru: Services on Metro's Purple Line witnessed another disruption Thursday evening after a train developed a door-related technical fault at Cubbon Park station.

All passengers were deboarded from the train and asked to board a subsequent one. The incident resulted in delays and overcrowding on platforms for some time.

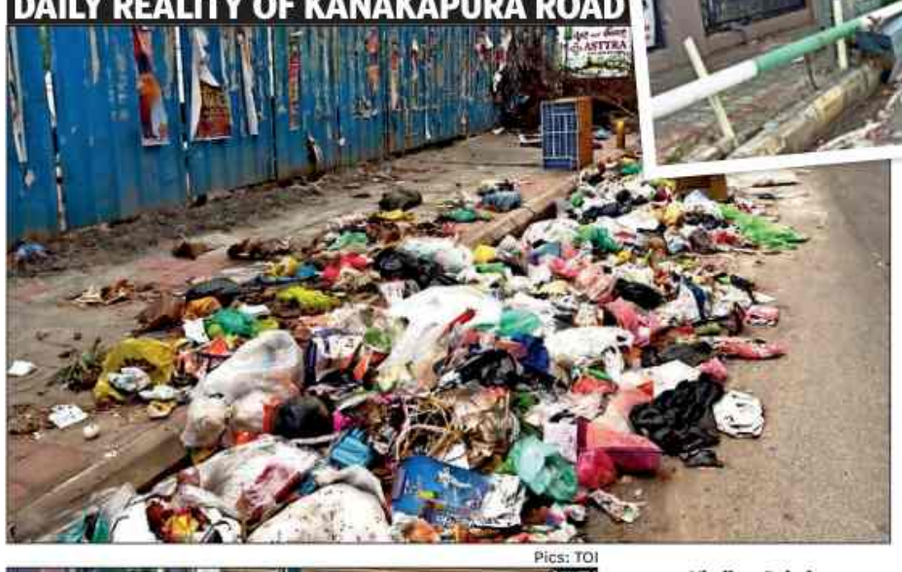
Ashwin Kumar TA, a techie, said he was travelling from Pattandur Agrahara towards Challaghatta when the train came to a halt at Cubbon Park station at 7.35pm. "Our train remained at the platform for 15 to 20 minutes after the door malfunction was reported in one of the coaches. All passengers were asked to get off and the platform quickly became crowded. I had to wait for three subsequent trains before I could board one as they were full."

BMRCL chief PRO Yeshwanth Chavan said the doors of one train at Cubbon Park station did not close properly, leading to the delay of subsequent five services. The issue was promptly rectified and normal services were restored across the Purple Line. TNN

Walkers Forced To Dodge Trash & Broken Footpaths On Corridor To CM's Home Constituency

A WALK THROUGH NEGLECT

DAILY REALITY OF KANAKAPURA ROAD



Pics: TOI

STARK REALITY: A **TOI** inspection found 12 garbage blackspots, damaged footpaths and widespread encroachment along the Kanakapura Road corridor

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Bengaluru: Chief minister DK Shivakumar has the option of travelling through Kanakapura Road in a zero-traffic convoy to reach his home constituency or take the Metro train to exit the city. But for thousands of residents navigating the corridor on foot, the reality is a starkly different one of overflowing garbage, foul odour, encroachments and hazardous pedestrian infrastructure.

The 9.1km stretch between Banashankari and Silk Institute Metro stations, which serves as the gateway to Kanakapura and is one of the most well-connected residential corridors in the city, has turned into an obstacle course of sorts.

A **Times of India** reality check found pedestrians routinely forced to weave their way around mounds of garbage dumped on footpaths, endure the stench emanating from blackspots, and step onto busy carriageways because the footpaths are either encroached, blocked by illegally parked vehicles, or occupied by vendors. The situation is particularly glaring given the promises made last year to transform the corridor into a model urban stretch at a cost of Rs 100 crore.

WHY DO FOOTPATHS STINK?

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) officials attribute the stench hanging over footpaths to delay in garbage collection, caused by mismanagement by contractors in three localities. At least 10 of the 29 autos deployed for door-to-door trash collection remain off the road on a daily basis, with contractors citing "frequent breakdowns". Officials said the issue was reviewed at a recent meeting with an MLA, citizens and volunteers, where contractors were issued a 10-day deadline to improve services. Citizen volunteers have been tasked with following garbage autos, though their reports are still awaited. On footpath encroachment, officials said vendor cards are being printed and will be used to identify authorised vendors before clearing encroachments.

An official from South City Corporation said, "We aren't satisfied with the contractors' performance. Despite repeated meetings and notices, the issues have not been resolved. So far, around 140 blackspots have been identified in south Bengaluru. We are also exploring new contractors, but the process will take time because of tender procedures and limited participation."

OSTE REALITY

TOI identified 12 blackspots along the stretch, the most notorious being garbage mounds near Banashankari temple and JP Nagar Metro station, where pedestrian movement is highest. Coconut shells, wet waste, discarded mattresses, bottles, plastic wrappers, worn-out footwear and other debris dot the busy road, highlighting poor waste management and maintenance. For residents, the issue goes beyond aesthetics. The garbage heaps attract stray animals, create unhygienic conditions, and make walking uncomfortable and unsafe. Many argue that despite crores being spent and repeated assurances from civic authorities, the most basic requirement of a walkable city — clean, obstruction-free footpaths — remains elusive.

Beyond JP Nagar Metro station, the quality of pedestrian infrastructure deteriorates sharply. Several footpaths narrow to barely accommodate one person, while others are taken over by parked vehicles. Past Vajarahalli Metro station, pavements are uneven with weeds and two-wheelers occupying large portions. Consequently, many pedestrians are forced to walk amid moving traffic. The corridor is also plagued by dust, with road shoulders covered in loose soil and debris.

(Inputs from TN Laasya)

"I live near Vajarahalli Metro station and for the past 2-3 months, garbage has been dumped about 400m from my home. Every time I pass the spot, the stench is unbearable; it has spread even to the main road. I commute from Malleswaram to Thalaghattapura, and by the time I get home, the smell leaves me exhausted. I've complained about it, but no action has been taken so far

Hamsa Chandrashekara | 34, HOMEMAKER

"The road is not well maintained. There's a lot of garbage on both sides all the time and it is not a good look. Especially during rainy season, the road becomes stinky. The smell gets so bad I have to shut the windows of the vehicle while travelling

Sanjana L | 19, BCOM STUDENT

"The bad smell from garbage is a major problem here, and diseases can spread easily. I think it's high time the govt came up with different initiatives to fix the issue. Alternatively, they should impose a penalty/punishment for littering. Maybe that could be the solution

TN Sumaprasad | 43, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

"This is one of the worst roads, with so much garbage and damage. There are many sacks and plastic covers all over the road, and a lot of dust that arises from the empty spaces. It gets very difficult for old people like us to travel here

N Radhakrishnaiah | 75, RESIDENT

After bail & personal turmoil, bizman ends life in actress' flat

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A 45-year-old businessman, who was arrested earlier this year in a high-profile extortion and threat letter case, was found dead by suicide in an apartment near Hosakerehalli late Wednesday night.

Vaishak Upadhyaya was found hanging in a flat at Elegant Terrace Apartments. The flat was rented by actress Krishi Thapanda, with whom he was friends. Vaishak, who ran an automobile shop near Veerabhadra Nagar signal on Outer Ring Road, had been staying there for the past week.

Police said Vaishak, a resident of Girinagar, had access to one of the flat's two keys and was staying there while the actress was away. In that period, he sent her messages indicating he was distressed over ongoing disputes and other personal issues.

According to police, Vaishak had been living away from his family for several days following marital problems. He had been married to one Meghana for 15 years and the couple has a teenage son. Investigators said Vaishak sent Krishi messages stating he was tired of life and intended to end it. She tried to console him through calls and messages and urged him not to take any extreme step. In one of their last conversations, she suggested they visit Kukke Subrahmanya Temple together — a plan he agreed to.

However, when Krishi returned to the apartment, she found him hanging in the bedroom. She alerted the police control room around 11.30pm, following which Rajarajeshwarinagar police rushed to the spot and began an investigation.

Back in Feb, Vaishak was arrested by HAL police in connection with a sensational threat letter case involving businessman and advocate Aravind Reddy. Police alleged that anonymous letters demanding an apology and Rs 6-7 crore were sent through a courier service, warning of serious consequences if the demands were not met. Investigators later traced the letters to Vaishak, who was arrested and subsequently released on bail.

Police said his marital disputes intensified after this incident. According to a complaint filed by Meghana, the couple had not spoken for nearly a month, and he had only enquired about their son through text messages.

An unnatural death report has been registered.

(If you are having suicidal thoughts or are in need of emotional support, call the suicide prevention helplines: Tele-MANAS Helpline: 14416 or 1800-891-4416; SAHAI Helpline: 080-25497777.)

12 held for robbing trader of ₹17L after promising crypto

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Twelve men have been arrested on charges of robbing a city-based trader of Rs 17 lakh in cash after promising to convert it into cryptocurrency.

FROM ADVICE TO ATTACK

The arrests were made based on a complaint filed by Vishwas Y, 31, resident of Kodigehalli. A techie, Vishwas was wanted to open a hotel near Sira on the Bengaluru-Pune highway, and purchased raw materials for the same. "Vishwas found that buying China-manufactured materials like kitchen tiles and other equipment online was cheaper. However, he needed cryptocurrency for that. Advised by a friend, Vishwas joined a WhatsApp group, Crypto India F2F, to get more information. A person identified as Muja, a group member, helped Vishwas by converting Rs 2.5 lakh into 2,538 cryptocurrencies," an officer said.

Since Vishwas was in need of more cryptocurrencies, he again contacted Muja. "This time, Vishwas wanted to convert Rs 17 lakh into cryptocurrencies. Muja asked Vishwas to meet him at a point on Kalpana Chawla Road around 10.30pm on June 9. Accompanied by his brother Chayapati, Vishwas reached the location. Muja was waiting. When Vishwas and Muja were talking, others came on two-wheelers. Led by Muja, they attacked Vishwas and Chayapati, snatched a bag containing Rs 17 lakh in cash and fled," the officer said.

The arrested are: Kareem Khan, 31; Waseem Khan, 40; Mohammed Ismail, 29; Rehan A, 27; Suhaib Javid, 20; Ayan M, 21; Akheel Mohammed, 26; Tausif, 26; Liyaqath Sharif, 33; Afzan Khan, 27; Mujameel, 23; and Imran Pasha, 25. All are residents of DJ Halli and KG Halli. Of them, Suhaib and Ayan are from Kashmir, police said. They were college dropouts, doing odd jobs.

MCC conferred deemed varsity status

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) has been conferred deemed-to-be university status, marking a significant milestone for the 78-year-old institution.

Addressing media, Sr Jose Lynette, president of Mount Carmel Educational Society, described the achievement as a historic moment for the institution.

She said the new status will significantly enhance the college's academic and research capabilities, while providing greater autonomy to design programmes that meet emerging educational and industry requirements. "The deemed-to-be university status opens up new possibilities for academic innovation, research collaborations and global partnerships. It will enable us to offer students a more dynamic and holistic learning experience while staying true to our core values of inclusivity, social responsibility, and excellence," Sr Jose Lynette said.

Founded in 1948, Mount Carmel College is one of the country's leading institutions for higher education. The women's college turned co-educational in 2023. The institution offers programmes through its school of natural and applied sciences, school of humanities and social sciences, school of commerce, and school of management.

— Nyssa N Jain

KDA rejects NCERT defence of textbook

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NCERT maintained the textbook was prepared in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023.

On vegetarianism, NCERT said 'Health Is Wealth' chapter includes a dedicated section on balanced diet and explains the need for consuming a variety of foods, including milk, vegetables and fruits. It added that an illustration on page 63 of the textbook features both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food items.

The chapter highlights healthy traditional foods from different states to familiarise students with India's diverse food culture, NCERT said. "Nowhere in the textbook is vegetarianism explained or justified, nor is non-vegetarian food opposed," it stated. NCERT said it welcomes any constructive feedback from stakeholders.

Kannada Development Authority, in its response, contended that Cauvery — and not Krishna — is the identity and lifeline of Karnataka. NCERT has insulted Kannadigas by naming the book 'Krishna'. "Only those who are unaware of Karnataka's cultural history commit such mistakes," it said, demanding the book's withdrawal. The KDA response has been signed by chairman Purushottam Bilimale and other members, including educationist Niranjanaradhya VP.

It further said the book promotes patriarchy, favours one religion and is sarcastic about the traditions of the downtrodden. It contested NCERT's version on the page 63 picture. "There is no picture representing fish, meat or other non-vegetarian food except for mudde, saru, idli chutney, vegetable, milk, egg and fruits. We did not expect NCERT to give a false explanation to this extent," KDA said.

NCERT has not explained why the department of state education research and training has not been included, the authority added.

Rail discounts improve, travel struggles persist

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Bengaluru: While digitalisation of the Divyangjan concession card has eased train travel for many, implementation challenges and accessibility gaps continue to affect commuters. Persons with disabilities (PwDs) have welcomed the move but are calling for more accessibility-focused reforms and inclusive infrastructure development across the railway network.

ACCESS FOR DISABLED

Until recently, PwDs in Karnataka, like across the country, had to visit railway offices and fill out forms in order to get their travel concessions. Indian Railways offers fare concessions of up to 50% to 75% for eligible PwDs and their escorts. Because of its lower prices, a significant number of people depend on it for their travel.

Despite Railways implementing an online portal to deal with Divyangjan card applications and renewals, members of the community are still unaware of the facility. "Still, we see people coming to booking offices without knowing the online facility," an official from South Western Railway's (SWR) Bengaluru division said. The zone stated eligible passengers can apply online for issuance or renewal of photo identity cards through the dedicated portal divyangjanid.indianrail.gov.in.

"Applicants can register on the portal using a valid mobile number and submit the required documents online. They are required to upload self-attested copies of the prescribed documents. Once the application is approved, the Divyangjan photo identity card can be downloaded and printed directly from the portal," the official added.

Many in Bengaluru pointed out infra gaps in accessibility in trains. Murthy Naveen Babu, a para-athlete, said half the community is still unaware of the concession facility. "Sometimes stations have ramps, but ticket counters are accessible only by steps. Travelling alone can be difficult and, as someone who travels to Kadapa every month for tournaments, I find it a constant challenge."

TRACK TOWARDS INCLUSION

- Up to **75% fare discount for eligible passengers** with disabilities
- **Awareness gap persists** among beneficiaries
- Demand made for **wider doors, better coach information** and **wheelchair-friendly access**
- Online portal introduced for **card issuance and renewal**
- **Accessibility issues remain at stations,** ticket counters and inside coaches

"Infrastructure plays an important role. Features such as ramps, lifts, tactile pathways, accessible toilets and clear signage make a significant difference. But accessibility is also about the overall travel experience. For many persons with disabilities, everyday challenges can include unclear announcements, lack of accessible information, difficulties while boarding, inaccessible facilities or uncertainty about where to seek support

BHUMIKA MODH | HEAD, POLICY RESEARCH, ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

However, he expressed optimism about the online process, saying that journeys can now be planned better. "There should be no online glitches, and the process should be clearly explained in multiple languages. That would make it much more accessible for all of us," he added.

Inadequate information

According to Anusha O, a teacher working in Bengaluru, information regarding disabled coaches is still not communicated properly. "I cannot move anywhere without a wheelchair. A huge issue I've faced is regarding the position of such coaches. Sometimes when we see the coach position online, it will display the position on the side of the engine. Once the coach was actually at the end of the train," she said. She also called for more comfortable PwD coaches and urged the railway department to make general coaches more accessible. "We also want to travel in air-conditioned coaches, because in other cars, the berths cannot be accessed through wheelchairs."

Bengaluru-based throwball player and international para-athlete Manjula also sought more disabled coaches in trains. "At railway stations in Bengaluru, accessibility is fairly good, though I can manage without a wheelchair. Many athletes who travel with me, however, face difficulties. Coaches should have wider doors, and there should be more accessible coaches on every train," she said.

As per the Association of Persons with Disabilities (APD), the concession process is one part of the travel experience, but accessibility in rail travel has to be looked at much more holistically.

Revised electoral rolls for 23 wards of Mahadevapura

Bengaluru: Electoral rolls of 23 wards falling under Mahadevapura assembly constituency will undergo a fresh revision as per the State Election Commission's directions.

Chairing a review meeting Thursday, BECC commissioner and additional district election officer DS Ramesh directed officials to focus on preparing an accurate municipal ward electoral roll within the stipulated timeframe. Officials noted that rolls for all 23 wards had already been finalised and published. However, SEC instructed local bodies to undertake a fresh revision and prepare updated rolls. TNN

A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face —Rabia Anguilera

NEITHER HOME, NOR OFFICE

Third spaces are redefining Bengaluru's social life

'People must connect in reality to move from real life'

'Bengaluru needs more affordable third spaces'

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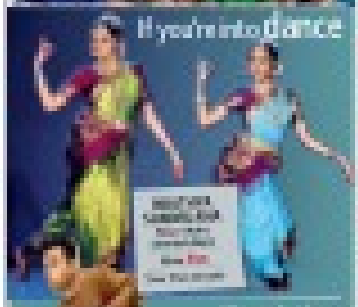

Shoe thief runs away with 27 pairs from apartment

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Residents of Sri Dhama Apartment complex in NGEF Layout of Sadanandanagar in east Bengaluru were left stunned after a thief stole 27 pairs of branded shoes, worth over Rs 1.3 lakh, in a pre-dawn theft recently.

Sujeet Kumar TG, 50, a marketing professional, told police he found seven pairs of his shoes, worth around Rs 23,000, stolen from the shoe rack outside his flat on the morning of June 17.

CCTV screengrab

Footage shows the miscreant with a gunny bag escape in a cab

What initially appeared to be an isolated theft soon turned out to be a larger crime affecting multiple residents. Inquiries revealed 11 pairs of shoes, worth Rs 65,000, belonging to another resident, P Balamurugan; five pairs, worth Rs 20,000, owned by Mahesh Kumar Holkar; four pairs valued at Rs 25,000, belonging to Ravindra MT, were also stolen.

In total, 27 pairs were reported missing from the apartment complex. A review of CCTV footage showed a miscreant moving around the complex between 4.05am and 4.20am on June 17. He was seen collecting the footwear in a gunny bag before escaping in a car with yellow-board registration. Police suspect the thief took the help of a friend, a cab driver, to escape.

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Elevated rd DPR suggests funding by increasing tax, B-Smile denies

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A proposal in the detailed project report (DPR) for the 5.2km elevated corridor between Old Madras Road and Hosur Road to recover costs of Rs 1,300 crore through a small incremental property tax has resulted in a clarification from Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Ltd (B-Smile), which insists the project will be funded by govt.

B-Smile technical director BS Prahallad told **TOI**: "Value capture financing will not be used to fund these projects. It is an entirely different concept altogether. It pertains to the appreciation of property values through infrastructure development."

However, the DPR of the elevated corridor between Old Madras Road and Hosur Road via Indiranagar suggests integration of property tax for funding the project.

Under the section titled 'implementation approach', the DPR states: "BBMP (now Greater Bengaluru Authority) already collects property tax annually. A modest levy earmarked for infrastructure recovery can be incorporated into this existing framework. Properties near the corridor are expected to appreciate in value due to improved accessibility. A small incremental tax can capture part of this value gain to fund the project. Clear communication that the levy is dedicated to infrastructure repayment will build public trust and acceptance".

In a letter, Prahallad called media reports on this inaccurate and said that indications in the DPR are illustrative, having no statutory force. He also added that annual property tax remains entirely unaffected by draft VCF proposals which are currently under deliberation.

11 PROJECTS APPROVED, TENDERS INVITED FOR NINE

Govt has approved 11 elevated corridor projects, spanning 75.6km at an estimated cost of Rs 12,332 crore. Of these, five projects are less than 5km long, four are between 5km and 10km, and two exceed 10km. The two longest corridors account for nearly 46km of the proposed network and more than Rs 7,500 crore of the total project cost. Tenders have already been invited for nine projects

PROJECTS IN PIPELINE	LENGTH	BUDGET
Old Madras Road—E-City elevated corridor via Swami Vivekananda Metro Station, Indiranagar, Old Airport Road, Hosur Road and Silk Board Junction	5.2km	₹1,300cr
Split flyover at MEI Junction on Tumakuru Road	500m	₹52cr
Grade separators from West of Chord Road to ORR in Mahalakshmi Layout	2km	₹489cr
Elevated corridor from Doddaballapura Road (Police Station Junction) to Kogilu Circle via Old Yelahanka Town	1.5km	₹142cr
Elevated corridor at Konanakunte Cross on Kanakapura Road	1.5km	₹291cr
Elevated corridor at Raghuvanahalli Cross on Kanakapura Road	900m	₹230cr
Minerva Circle-Hudson Circle elevated corridor, including loop flyover from Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Flyover to Town Hall and elevated corridor from Sangolli Rayanna Circle (Anand Rao Flyover) to Nrupathunga Road (KR Circle)	7km	₹725cr
Sirsi Circle–Nayandahalli Elevated Corridor on Mysuru Road	5.2km	₹810cr
Shoolay Circle–St John's Hospital Road Elevated Corridor on Hosur Road via Anepalya and Adugodi junctions	5.3km	₹716cr
Yeshwantpur (Mathikere Cross)–Old Madras Road (Tin Factory Junction) Elevated Corridor via IISc, Mekhri Circle, Jayamahal, St John's Church Road and Ulsoor	28km	₹4,621cr
Marenahalli (Ragigudda Junction)–Kanakapura Main Road Elevated Corridor via BWSSB Pipeline Road	18km	₹2,956cr

Shwetha lands in 7-day custody, keeps changing statements

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A city court Thursday sent techie **M Shwetha**, 24, charged with murdering her parents and sister with her boyfriend, to seven-day police custody.

She was arrested from Puducherry Wednesday. Police are yet to trace Kenneth J, Shwetha's live-in partner.

The two fled the city late Monday night after stabbing Shwetha's parents, Somasundar, Muthhulakshmi and younger sister Supriya to death in their flat at Seegehalli in KR Pura. CCTV images showed the duo escaping on a two-wheeler, which broke down near Tiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu, around 210km from the city. From there, they split and Shwetha, boarding a bus, reached Puducherry.

Meanwhile, Shwetha told cops she initially stabbed her mother to death inside the locked room of her flat following a heated argument. Kenneth could not intervene as the room was locked.

Later, Kenneth helped her in shifting the body to the bathroom, Shwetha told cops.

"Further, Shwetha claims she attacked her father and sister when they entered the house a little later and discovered Muthulakshmi's body in the bathroom. There were marks on the floor indicating that something was dragged to the bathroom. When Somasundar force-entered the bathroom, he saw his wife's body. It was then Shwetha attacked Somasundar and Supriya," an investigating officer quoted Shwetha's version of events.

However, police said they need to cross-check her statements as she keeps changing them. "We will get a clear picture once we trace Kenneth," an officer said.

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SRK recalls early yrs in M'luru when granddad was chief engineer at port

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"I always remember words like 'Namaskara Kudla' and 'Yenchaular'. I would love to relish neer dose when I visit Mangaluru

SHAH RUKH KHAN Actor

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who was in Mangaluru to attend a private event Thursday, said he would love to come back to the coastal city and build more memories there.

He recalled he spent some of his early years in Mangaluru, when his grandfather was the chief engineer at Old Mangalore Port. He said he would always remember words like 'Namaskara Kudla' and 'Yenchaular', and added he loved to relish neer dose when he visited the city.

He expressed interest in learning the culture and language of the region, and said he had sent videos of the city to his daughter, and would come back for more. The actor said he does not remember much, but has a childhood photograph from Mangaluru city.

SRK said had he not become an actor, he would have worked as a teacher in Mangaluru.

Andhra fans take road trip to catch glimpse of actor

Travelling hundreds of kilometres by road, members of an Andhra Pradesh-based fan club of Shah Rukh Khan arrived in Mangaluru after learning about his visit through social media.

Hailing from Chittoor, Imran, president of SRK Andhra Pradesh Fan Club, said he became a fan of the actor after watching the movie 'Dil To Pagal Hai'.

The fan club was formed around the release of 'Pathaan'. It has expanded since, establishing branches across 12 cities in the state.

Sri Lankan caught at KIA with fake Canadian passport

Bengaluru: A Sri Lankan man was detained at KIA after trying to board a flight to London using a fake Canadian passport and forged immigration documents.

The accused, identified as Sinnappu Subakaran, arrived at KIA on June 23 and completed departure formalities for a Singapore Airlines flight. However, officials later found that instead of boarding the Singapore-bound flight, he concealed his original ticket and attempted to board Air India flight AI-133 to London around 2pm.

Probe revealed the accused had hidden his Sri Lankan passport and was carrying a fake Canadian one in the name of Chiwarajah Dachshan and it contained fake immigration stamps. TNN

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For those interested in Kriyayoga initiation, registration forms can be filled at the venue and the registration fee paid online. Attendees are requested to be at the venue by 5 pm. The talks will be followed by a Q&A Session.

Light refreshments will be served at the venue.

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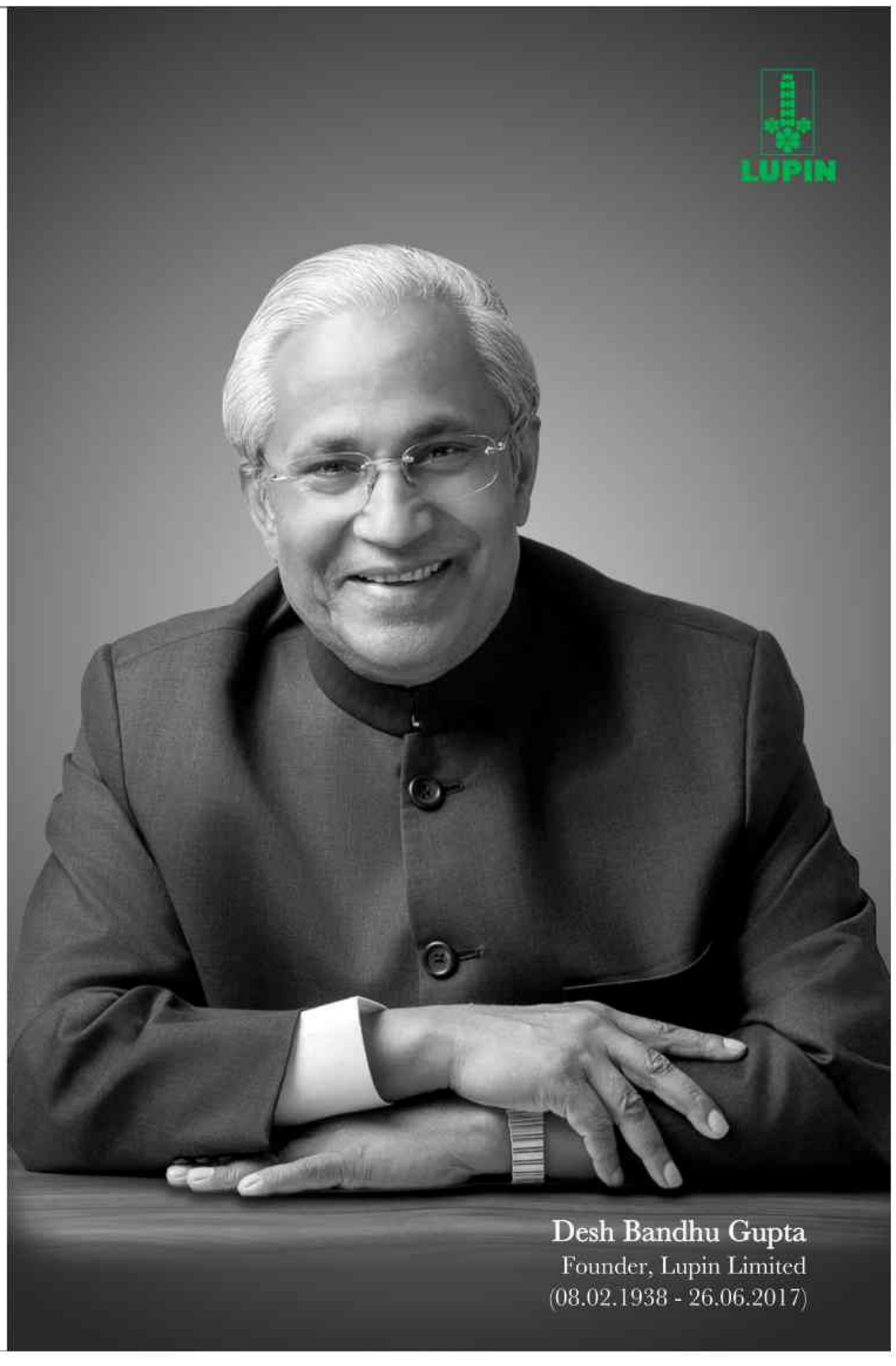

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Union govt planning nationwide dam desilting drive: Jal shakti minister

Chamaraj Savadi | TNN

Koppal: The central govt is preparing a nationwide programme to remove silt from reservoirs and improve water storage capacity, Union jal shakti minister CR Patil said Thursday.

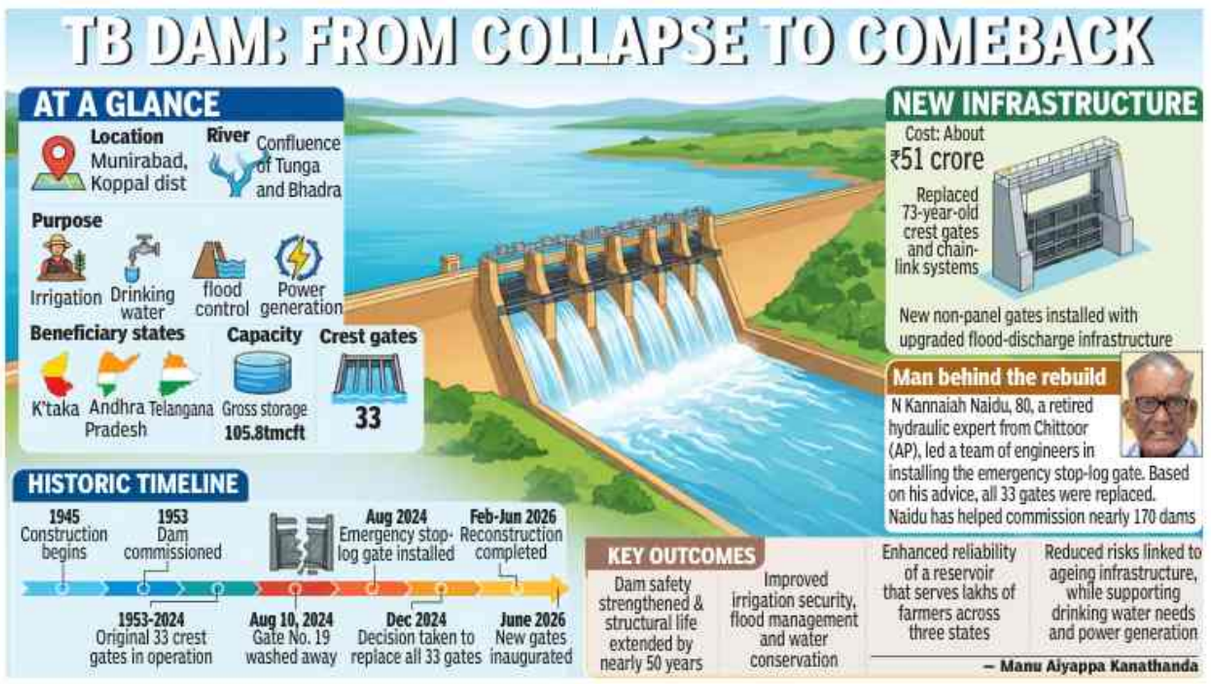
Speaking during the inauguration of the new crest gates at Tungabhadra reservoir in Munirabad, about 332km from Bengaluru, Patil said his ministry was formulating a programme under which the Centre would provide technical support while implementation would be undertaken by state govts.

He said silt accumulation had reduced storage capacity by as much as 15% in many dams across the country

"The Tungabhadra reservoir has also accumulated about 15% silt," he said. "If the proposed plan is successfully implemented at Tungabhadra, water storage capacity could potentially increase by 25% to 30%. Dredging reservoirs is an important step not only to improve water availability, but also to strengthen irrigation security in command areas dependent on ageing reservoirs."

The announcement assumes significance since Karnataka has, for years, considered large-scale desilting of Tungabhadra reservoir economically and technically challenging. Estimates suggest desilting could cost as much — if not more — as constructing a new dam. It would also require vast tracts of land to dispose of excavated silt.

The reservoir is estimated to have lost around 32-34 tmcft of its original storage capacity. Earlier efforts by farmers to remove silt for agricultural use had only a marginal impact, prompting authorities to explore alternatives, including a balancing reservoir downstream.


TB DAM: FROM COLLAPSE TO COMEBACK
AT A GLANCE
Location Munirabad, Koppal dist
River Confluence of Tunga and Bhadra
Purpose
Irrigation
Drinking water
flood control
Power generation
Beneficiary states
K'taka
Andhra Pradesh
Telangana
Capacity
Gross storage 105.8tmcft
Crest gates
33
NEW INFRASTRUCTURE
Cost: About ₹51 crore
Replaced 73-year-old crest gates and chain-link systems
New non-panel gates installed with upgraded flood-discharge infrastructure
Man behind the rebuild
N Kannaiah Naidu, 80, a retired hydraulic expert from Chittoor (AP), led a team of engineers in installing the emergency stop-log gate. Based on his advice, all 33 gates were replaced. Naidu has helped commission nearly 170 dams
HISTORIC TIMELINE
1945 Construction begins
1953 Dam commissioned
1953-2024 Original 33 crest gates in operation
Aug 10, 2024 Gate No. 19 washed away
Aug 2024 Emergency stop-log gate installed
Dec 2024 Decision taken to replace all 33 gates
Feb-Jun 2026 Reconstruction completed
June 2026 New gates inaugurated
KEY OUTCOMES
Dam safety strengthened & structural life extended by nearly 50 years
Improved irrigation security, flood management and water conservation
Enhanced reliability of a reservoir that serves lakhs of farmers across three states
Reduced risks linked to ageing infrastructure, while supporting drinking water needs and power generation
— Manu Aiyappa Kanathanda

Linking water resources

Earlier, Patil said the country was being connected through water infrastructure projects. "Better use of water resources will help farmers increase crop cycles and double their income," he said.

He also urged citizens to report shortcomings in implementation of the Har Ghar Jal scheme in villages so that corrective measures can be taken in coordination with chief ministers.

Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu renewed his pitch for river interlinking and said such projects could transform the country's water security. "If Ganga and Cauvery rivers are interlinked, then India is unstoppable," Naidu said.

Referring to the Ken-Betwa river-linking project, he said interlinking Godavari and Cauvery rivers would not only benefit Karnataka and Andhra, but also Telangana and Tamil Nadu. "Rivers must be interlinked within states first and then in other states," he said. He urged people to use water judiciously this year since inflow into dams was poor due to the El Nino phenomenon.

Camaraderie on display

In a rare display of camaraderie, chief ministers DK Shivakumar, N Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra) and A Revanth Reddy (Telangana), besides Union jal shakti minister CR Patil, travelled together in a vehicle from Munirabad helipad to the dam site. They jointly inaugurated the new crest gates, participated in rituals and reviewed the project's technical features before heading to the public function.

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STAR CAST: (From left) CMs Revanth Reddy, DK Shivakumar & N Chandrababu Naidu with Union minister CR Patil (second from right) in Koppal Thursday

Minister skips event

Water resources minister **Ramalinga Reddy** was conspicuously absent from the event. Reddy later said he could not attend because of his son's wedding in Tirupati. He said the wedding was scheduled a year ago and that he had informed Shivakumar and officials of his absence.

Naidu draws cheers

Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu received a warm welcome from the crowd, with spectators cheering and waving photographs of him even before he began speaking. Naidu opened his address in Kannada, greeting the gathering by saying "Ellarigu namaskara". He remarked that he would have spoken better had he known the language more fluently, drawing applause from the audience.

Siddaramaiah not invited, supporters say credit should have been given where it is due

Supporters of former CM **Siddaramaiah** expressed disappointment over his absence from the inauguration of the new crest gates, insisting he should have been invited for his role in initiating and executing the project.

Siddaramaiah was CM when the reservoir's 19th crest gate was washed away in Aug 2024, leading to a major crisis in the command area. His govt had overseen emergency measures to restore the damaged gate and subsequently sanctioned the reconstruction of all the 33 crest gates.

Supporters and locals took to social media, arguing that Siddaramaiah should have been invited. They described the omission as "unfortunate" and said the former CM should have been given due credit. Raghavendra Hitnal, Koppal MLA, agreed saying Siddaramaiah deserved an official invitation. He said he had personally invited the ex-CM, but was told he could not attend due to prior engagements.

No lapses on our part, says dept

Times News Network

Bengaluru: In a detailed clarification on observations made by the comptroller and auditor general on payments under the Gruha Lakshmi guarantee, the women and child development department Thursday said the scheme is being implemented transparently and as per prescribed rules.

GRUHA LAKSHMI

Responding to audit findings related to payments made to deceased and allegedly ineligible beneficiaries, the department said the observations largely stemmed from delays in updating beneficiary records and technical issues in banking systems rather than flaws in implementation.

The department said nearly 2.9 lakh registered beneficiaries had died since the scheme's launch and Rs 115 crore had been credited to accounts of nearly 1.1 lakh deceased beneficiaries due to delays in receiving death information. It said it has already recovered Rs 15.2 crore by coordinating with banks, and the process of recovering the remaining funds is under way.

The department said 1.9 lakh women identified as income taxpayers or GST return filers through the Kutumba database are being excluded from payments. It also clarified that cases where multiple beneficiaries appeared linked to a single bank account were largely due to joint accounts held by eligible family members such as mothers and daughters or mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law with separate ration cards.

Addressing another audit observation, it said beneficiaries are free to change Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, which could result in payments being reflected in different accounts across different months. It attributed some discrepancies in account details to narration and technical errors at banks.

Mins appointed to oversee districts

Times News Network

Bengaluru: The govt Thursday appointed deputy CM G Parameshwara and the other 12 ministers of DK Shivakumar's cabinet as district in-charge ministers to oversee disaster management and coordinate relief operations during the ongoing monsoon season.

With 20 cabinet berths still vacant, the govt has temporarily entrusted the ministers with disaster management responsibilities. The appointments will take immediate effect.

Parameshwara has been assigned responsibility for Tumakuru, his home district, and Chitradurga, while Krishna Byre Gowda will oversee Bengaluru Urban and Hassan.

The move is aimed at strengthening coordination between the govt and district administrations and ensuring swift relief and rehabilitation measures.

KH Muniyappa has been entrusted with Bengaluru Rural, Ballari and Vijayanagara districts; Ramalinga Reddy with Bengaluru South and Mandya; MB Patil with Vijayapura and Bagalkot; and KJ George with Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru and Davanagere.

Eshwar Khandre will supervise Bidar and Gadag districts, Satish Jarkiholi will oversee Belagavi, Dharwad and Haveri, Priyank Kharge has been assigned Kalaburagi and Yadgir, while Sharanaprakash Rudrappa Patil will monitor Raichur and Koppal.

UT Khader has been assigned Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada and Kodagu districts, while Byrathi Suresh will oversee Kolar and Chikkaballapur. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has been entrusted with Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

SHORT TAKES

Infighting in BJP led to cross-voting: MLA

ST Somashekar, who was expelled from BJP, said rivalry between camps led by state BJP president BY Vijayendra and opposition leader R Ashoka was the reason for MLAs cross-voting during the legislative council polls last week. He also blamed Union minister Shobha Karandlaje for turmoil in the party. "Ashoka wanted a candidate backed by Vijayendra to lose, while Vijayendra wanted a candidate supported by Ashoka to be defeated," he said. "The two of them should go to Dharmasthala and take oath. No one else needs to do so."

Relief for totapuri mango growers

The Centre announced financial assistance for mango growers, agreeing to a proposal submitted by the state govt to procure 1.3 lakh tonnes of the totapuri variety at Rs 1,750 per quintal under the market intervention scheme (MIS). Union minister HD Kumaraswamy had also written to the Centre, urging support for distressed mango growers in Karnataka. The move is expected to benefit growers in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Mandya districts, who have been hit by a decline in market prices.

Oppn BJP objects to state's 'parallel' SIR

Opposition BJP filed a complaint with V Anbukumar, Karnataka's chief electoral officer, alleging the State Election Commission (SEC) had initiated an "unauthorised" special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 27 Bengaluru wards despite a similar exercise being conducted by Election Commission of India (ECI). A delegation led by Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, opposition leader in the legislative council, submitted the complaint at the ECI office in Bengaluru. Narayanaswamy said ECI's ongoing exercise was aimed at identifying and removing duplicate voter entries and asked how SEC could undertake a similar revision.

Date gone wrong: Woman finds intimate videos online

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Bengaluru: What began as a promising connection on a dating app ended in betrayal for a 28-year-old private firm employee, who alleged her private moments were uploaded to adult websites after a man she met online suddenly went incommunicado.

The accused, whom she trusted after months of interaction, allegedly blocked all communication when the intimate videos surfaced on multiple online platforms, prompting a police complaint.

Amrita (name changed), a resident of Vidyaranyapura and from Odisha, created a profile on Bumble app, where she came into contact with a man identifying himself as Anubhaav in Nov 2022.

After several conversations on the platform, she obtained his Instagram account, verified the profile and believed both the account and the person were genuine. A few days later, she decided to meet him. Amrita alleged that Anubhaav invited her to meet him at a room near Sony Signal in Koramangala, claiming he was unable to meet elsewhere due to work commitments. Trusting him, she agreed to meet him in the location he specified. He offered her alcohol in the room and the two engaged in intimate moments.

However, shortly afterwards, he stopped communicating with her and blocked her on Instagram too. The matter took a disturbing turn when Amrita recently found videos of her private moments with him being circulated on online platform Reddit. She also learned that the same video was being circulated on other social media and adult-content websites. She suspects the videos were uploaded by Anubhaav without her knowledge or consent.

On June 19, she approached south-east cybercrime police. A senior officer said the videos, uploaded earlier this month, were deleted from the platforms and efforts are on to nab the accused.

Better safe than sorry

- Be cautious while meeting people through dating apps; verify their identity through multiple sources
- Always meet first-time contacts in public places and inform friends or family about your whereabouts

- Avoid consuming food or drinks offered by someone you have just met
- Never allow intimate photos or videos to be recorded, and remain alert to hidden cameras
- If intimate content is leaked online, immediately alert the platform, preserve evidence and contact police

Discussed how to protect farmers, save 33 tmcft of water: Shivakumar

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Patil said any future arrangement will ensure each state receives its rightful share.

Thanking the states for financially supporting the Rs 51-crore gate replacement project, Patil announced the Centre has a nationwide plan to tackle silt accumulation. "We will prepare and present a desilting plan. States will execute the work, while we will provide technical assistance," he said, adding that as a result of this coordination, water-storage capacity at Tungabhadra Dam could increase by "25-30%".

Shivakumar described the hour-long meeting as a landmark moment in India's federal and irrigation history. "We discussed how to safeguard farming families, including an appeal to save 33 tmcft of water. Following our discussion, including Navali reservoir and desilting project, we reached a consensus to protect farmer interests," the CM said.

Highlighting the need for river interlinking to connect surplus and deficit basins, Naidu urged the Centre to declare major links as national projects. "Once that happens, India will be unstoppable. If rivers like Godavari and Cauvery are linked, while protecting the rights of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, surplus water can be transferred to manage droughts effectively," the Andhra CM observed.

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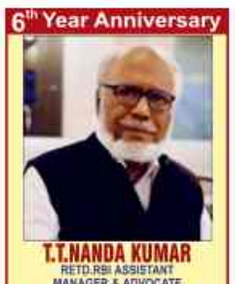

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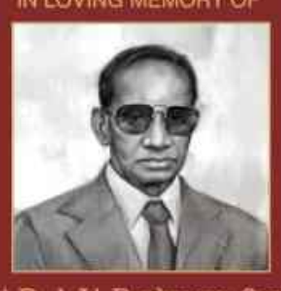

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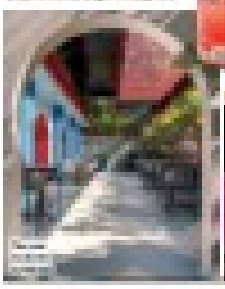

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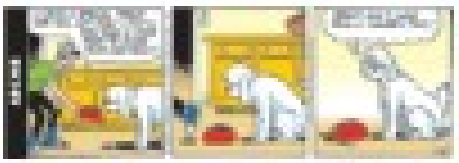

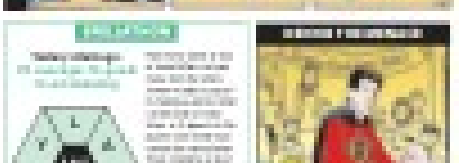

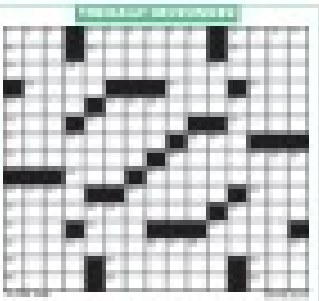

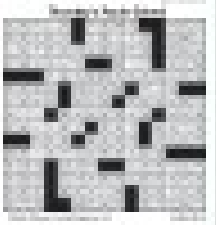

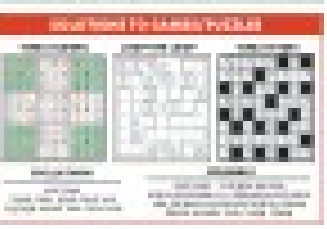

Despite SC order, many schools still skip gratuity for teachers

Institutions Often Cite Lack Of Funds

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Bengaluru: Gratuity for teachers has become a sore point between management and teachers in many schools. While Supreme Court ordered schools to give gratuity, teachers allege that many in Bengaluru are skipping the mandate, citing lack of funds.

Recently, teachers of a private school on Bannerghatta Road raised concerns that they have been forced to resign and rejoin to avoid giving gratuity. "Schools are using different techniques to ensure they don't have to pay gratuity," said a teacher.

"My school has around 300 employees. Since May-end or early June, the management has reached out to each employee separately (those with more than five years of tenure at the school), telling them to sign a false declaration that says they have been receiving their gratuity as part of monthly take-home salary. Soon after signing this document, the employee is asked by management to resign and then to continue in the school as a consultant without any signed agreement or contract for a brief period. Later, they get reinstated as a fresh employee. This is clearly being done to ensure discontinuation of service and avoid future gratuity payments," alleged a teacher.

Supreme Court in 2022 said all private schools are bound to provide gratuity to their teachers. The order is applicable from 1997.

While several schools provide gratuity, many others do not. Admitted Shashi Kumar D, secretary, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka (KAMS): "While many schools provide gratuity, it is not possible for all schools to do that. Many are small, budget schools, and they do not have the surplus funds to provide gratuity, and that too retrospectively," he said.

"In case a school has to give gratuity for teachers in retrospect too, then they will have to pass the burden to the students. The fees will have to be hiked to 20-30% in that case," he added.

Maya Menon, founder director, Teacher Foundation, said that for private schools, every expense would be tied up to the fees they collect from students and thus it's easy enough to make accommodations for PF and gratuity.

"Teachers are the single most important factor that determines the quality of learning school children experience... And one critical way in which schools can demonstrate they value their teachers is by ensuring that they have access to the usual financial benefits like PF and gratuity like other professionals," she said.

State labour commissioner HN Gopalkrishna said such complaints are institution-specific. "In case teachers have concerns, they can approach the jurisdictional labour officer and they will take appropriate action. All schools are bound to follow rules of the system," he said.

AT KENGERI

Traffic curbs tomorrow

Motorists travelling through Kengeri and adjoining areas Saturday should brace for traffic congestion and diversions as the inauguration of Major Arterial Road and Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations are expected to draw 50,000 people.

Kengeri traffic police said restrictions will be in force from 6am to 4pm for the programme, to be inaugurated by chief minister DK Shivakumar.

Goods transport vehicles will be prohibited between Marigold School Junction and Bheemanakuppe Jn, and will be diverted via Mysuru Main Road, Challaghatta Metro Station and NICE Road.

Similarly, goods vehicles will not be allowed between Kommaghatta Jn (Kengeri Club) and Hosabyrohalli village peripheral road. They will be diverted through Vishweshwaraiah Layout Ring Road, Ullalu, KLE College and Magadi Road.

Midday meal shock: Dead rats found in rice at Yadgir school

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HEALTH RISK: The incident prompted the school to discard old stock and procure fresh rice

Yadgir: Panic gripped Gundlur village in Wadagera taluk of Yadgir district Thursday after dead rats, worms and debris were found in rice meant for the midday meals.

The discovery prompted school authorities to dispose of the old stock and arrange for fresh rice.

The village has a lower primary school where 62 students from economically weaker sections are enrolled. The school has only two rooms — one serves as a classroom for students from classes 1 to 5 and a staff room, while the other is used as a kitchen for preparing midday meals.

Sayed Patel, Sharanappa, Sayed Basha and other villagers told **TOI** that one of them, during a visit to the school, noticed students cleaning rice and found dead rats, worms and dust particles in it. "He immediately alerted us and we rushed to the school. During our inspection, we also found dead rats and worms in the rice stock meant for the midday meal. The rice appeared to be very old, and the cooking staff were making students clean it before preparing the meal," they said.

"We were shocked to find dead rats in the rice and are worried about the health of our children who consume this food. The rice stored in the kitchen is unfit for consumption, yet school authorities were using it for cooking. The institution also lacks basic facilities, including clean drinking water," they alleged.

The villagers demanded strict action against the school authorities for endangering the lives of children. They also claimed that the headmaster did not respond to multiple attempts to contact him.

Ningareddi, headmaster in charge of the school, said: "I am on leave due to personal reasons. Earlier, I had instructed cooking staff not to use old stock kept in the kitchen and advised them to use fresh rice. During maintenance work, the contractors failed to install mesh on the windows, which allowed rats to enter the kitchen."

He further alleged that some people were trying to malign his image by opening bags containing old stock. "We have not used the old stock but fresh rice. I am ready to face any inquiry and will also demand a proper probe into the incident," he said.

—With inputs from Mounesh

K'taka aims to vaccinate 65L kids in pulse polio drive

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: As part of the nationwide pulse polio immunisation drive, Karnataka aims to cover over 64.8 lakh children. Polio drops will be administered at anganwadi centres and health facilities across the state Sunday. All children, from newborns up to five years of age, are required to receive the vaccine.

Health Minister UT Khader Thursday said 36,076 vaccination booths have been set up across the state, with 7,197 supervisors appointed to oversee the exercise. In all, 1,14,213 health workers have been deployed for the drive.

Urging all parents to ensure their children receive the vaccine, the minister said, "Even if kids are receiving other routine vaccinations, polio dose shouldn't be missed. Those who are unaware of their nearest vaccination centre can obtain information through the health department's mobile application available on Google Play Store."

Under the routine immunisation programme, every child receives five doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) and three of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV).

KERC draft regulations open the door for private power push

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FOCUS ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Bengaluru: Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has taken a significant step towards restructuring the state's power sector. It has notified draft regulations that provide non-discriminatory access to transmission and distribution networks.

Experts say the move could accelerate the entry of private players and lay the groundwork for competition in a sector long dominated by state-owned electricity supply companies (Escoms).

KERC recently released the draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the Intra-State Transmission and State Distribution System) Regulations, 2026, inviting public comments and suggestions before finalisation. The regulations are proposed to come into force from Oct 2026.

The draft framework introduces a comprehensive general network access (GNA) mechanism that will enable generators, captive power producers, renewable energy developers, energy storage operators and eligible consumers to access Karnataka's transmission and distribution infrastructure on a non-discriminatory basis.

Industry observers say the regulations are aligned with the Centre's broader vision of separating the electricity "wires" business from power supply, allowing consumers to purchase electricity from suppliers of their choice while continuing to use the existing transmission and distribution network. "These regulations lay the foundation for a more competitive electricity market. While they do not directly permit private supply licensees, they create the network architecture necessary for multiple suppliers to operate over a common grid and remove key infrastructure barriers that have historically restricted competition," said a Bengaluru-based power sector analyst.

One of the most significant provisions relates to open access. Under the draft regulations, consumers with a contract demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW and above will continue to have the option of procuring electricity from sources other than their local distribution licensee. The lower threshold is expected to widen the pool of consumers eligible for open-access power procurement and could strengthen the business case for future private electricity suppliers.

Industry bodies believe the reforms could eventually increase competitive pressure on state-owned Escoms if broader power-sector reforms proposed at the national level are implemented in Karnataka.

Large industrial and commercial consumers, which contribute a substantial share of utility revenues, stand to gain greater flexibility in sourcing cheaper or greener power through open-access arrangements. Consumer groups, while welcoming the prospect of greater choice, have urged regulators to ensure adequate safeguards so that residential consumers are not adversely affected by any future changes in market structure.

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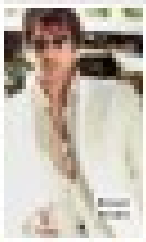

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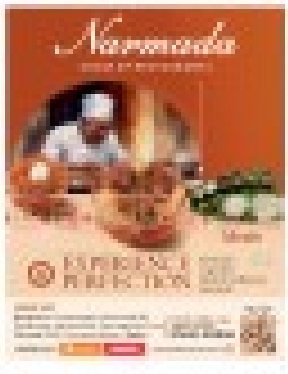

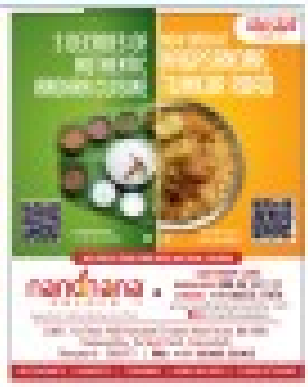

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SCAN FOR MORE HACKS

Source: IRDAI Agent Locator and policyholder guidance. Check official websites & updated rules.

Celebratory firing kills 2 in Bihar

A 10-year-old boy was among two killed, allegedly in celebratory firing, in Bihar's Jehanabad and Muzaffarpur districts Wednesday. Roshan Kumar suffered a gunshot wound in celebratory firing during a tilak ceremony in Jehanabad. Police said some people arrived with firearms during a cultural programme and opened fire in celebration. A bullet hit Roshan in the head. He was taken to the local PHC, where doctors declared him dead. TNN

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

30 years of life separates Monaco from Nigeria

A roughly 30-year gap separates the countries with the highest and lowest life expectancy. Wealthier European and Asian regions lead the longevity list, while the lowest-ranked countries — mostly in Africa — remain under 58 years. India's is at 72.7 years

Highest life expectancy, top 5 countries (2023)

Monaco	86.4
San Marino	85.7
Hong Kong	85.5
Japan	84.7
South Korea	84.3

Lowest life expectancy

Nigeria	54.5
Chad	55.1
Lesotho	57.4
South Sudan	57.6
Central African Republic	57.4

Source: UN

Now, QR code on cancer drugs, vax to combat spurious meds

Enables Tracking Across Supply Chain, Authentication

The expanded QR framework is also expected to support efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance by improving identification of poor-quality antimicrobial products

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New Delhi: Vaccines, antimicrobials, anti-cancer medicines and narcotic and psychotropic drugs will now come with QR codes to enable authentication and tracking across the supply chain, as health ministry expands the anti-counterfeit drug framework to cover some of the country's most critical medicines.

The ministry has amended the Drugs Rules, 1945, to bring these categories under Schedule H2, making it mandatory for manufacturers to print or affix a barcode or QR code on the primary packaging of these products or, where there is inadequate space, on the secondary packaging.

QR codes will become mandatory for vaccines, anti-cancer medicines and narcotic and psychotropic drugs from July 1, 2027, and for antimicrobials from July 1, 2028.

The code will store key product information, including unique product identification code, generic and brand names, manufacturer's name and address, batch number, manufacturing and expiry dates, manufacturing licence number and, where applicable, details of excipients.

The information can be accessed through apps to facilitate authentication and verification of medicines across the supply chain.

The QR code-based traceability framework was earlier introduced for the top 300 drug brands under the Drugs (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2022, notified in Nov 2022 and came into force in Aug 2023. The list included widely used medicines such as Dolo 650, Calpol, Augmentin, Thyronorm and Pan-40. The latest amendment significantly expands the framework by extending it to entire categories of medicines, including all vaccines, antimicrobials, anti-cancer medicines, and narcotic and psychotropic drugs.

22-yr-old rejects drunk groom, earns anti-drug honour

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Raipur: When a heavily drunk groom arrived with his wedding procession, 22-year-old Muskan Pradhan quietly removed her bridal veil, looked at her family and said, "If he cannot handle himself on his wedding day, how will he handle me?"

Dressed in bridal finery and minutes away from her wedding, Muskan made a decision that has travelled far beyond her village in Chhattisgarh as she has been appointed counsellor in an anti-drug campaign in the district. As the *baraat* arrived at her home in Kosmanda village of Janjgir-Champa district on June 23, Muskan learnt that the groom was heavily intoxicated. Watching him struggle to even stand during the welcoming rituals, she walked out and refused to marry him, asking them to send the baraat back.

Despite protests from the groom's side and rising tensions that eventually required police intervention, Muskan stood by her decision. By the end of the night, the wedding procession had returned without the bride.

The story, however, did not end there.

Within 48 hours, Muskan was felicitated by the district administration, named the youth icon of Janjgir-Champa police's anti-drug campaign and appointed counsellor with an honorarium of Rs 5,000 a month. Police also announced they would sponsor her education through college, while the district administration offered skill training and other govt support.

Janjgir-Champa SP Vijay Pandey said Muskan's courage sent a powerful message against substance abuse and social pressure. Collector Janmejay Mahobe described her decision as an example of self-respect and assured all possible assistance..

Bengal govt likely to introduce Uniform Civil Code bill on June 29

Debashis Konar | TNN

Kolkata: The Bengal govt is likely to introduce a bill on Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the assembly on Monday. The assembly's Business Advisory Committee, chaired by speaker Rathindra Bose, has decided to email the draft UCC Bill to all MLAs and then table it for discussion on Monday.

If passed, Bengal will join states like Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Assam in having a common set of personal laws for all communities. BJP had in its election manifesto pledged to implement UCC in Bengal within six months of coming to office.

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Along with the UCC bill, the BJP govt will table a second bill – West Bengal Public Safety and Control of Anti-social Activities Bill, 2026 – that will allow up to 12 months of preventive detention for offenders and empower senior district and police officers to issue externment orders. This bill draws heavily from the Gujarat Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, 1985.

Bengal's UCC bill is likely to be modelled on Assam's, which on May 27 became the third state in the country to pass the bill.

The UCCs implemented in all three states ban polygamy, establish a uniform legal marriage age, enforce mandatory registration of live-in relationships and ensure gender-equal inheritance rights while exempting Scheduled Tribes from their purview. The Bengal bill is likely to have similar provisions, an official said.

Rahul says sorry, MP HC closes defamation case

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh high court on Thursday decided to close proceedings against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in a special court in Bhopal and Gandhi's plea in the HC in connection with a defamation suit filed by Kartikey Singh Chouhan, son of Union agri minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, for linking him with the "Panama Papers". Gandhi had tendered an unconditional apology on Wednesday.

Gandhi also said that after realising his mistake he had publicly clarified the very next day that the statement at a public meeting on Oct 29, 2018 was about the then Chhattisgarh CM's son, and not Kartikey. TNN

Mahesh Dixit to take over as IB chief

New Delhi: Mahesh Dixit, a 1993-batch IPS officer, was appointed as the next chief of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) on Thursday. He will succeed Tapan Deka whose extension ends in June.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by PM Modi cleared his appointment for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the post. A seasoned officer with an established track record in handling national security issues and counter-terrorism, Dixit is known for his decision-making abilities within the agency. Dixit — a Telangana cadre officer — has spent most of his tenure in the agency and was serving as its special director. As J&K State Intelligence Bureau chief, he played a key role during the post-Article 370 abrogation period, sources said. TNN

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I, Mohammed Sanaulla Resident at Shankarinika Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Tq, Bengaluru Rural Dist. have changed my name to SANAULLA vide affidavit dated 23.06.2026 sworn before notary M Krishnamurthy, Hoskote

I, Sujatha Gulur Doreswamy W/o Vuthanur Sreenivasa Murthy, residing at No. 14, Anugraha, 9th cross, Varma Layout, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Dasarahalli, Hebbal, B'lore-24, have changed my name from Sujatha Murthy to Sujatha Gulur Doreswamy for all future purposes.

I, Belliappa A C / A C Belliappa, S/O A C Chengappa, R/O at Flat No:401, Victory Churekh Apartment, 5th D-Cross, 1st Main Road, Hennur Garden, Horamavu Post, Bengaluru-560 113, changed my name to AJJIDA CHGAP LLIAP vide Affidavit dated 23-June-2026 before Notary V.P. Ramesh, Virajpet, Kodagu.

I, NAYEEMA KOUSAR Resident at Shankarinika Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Tq, Bengaluru Rural Dist. have changed my name to NAYEEMA vide affidavit dated 23.06.2026 sworn before notary M Krishnamurthy, Hoskote

I, VIDYA E V, W/o VEERESH TUDMA ESWARAPPA (VEERESH T E), born on 02/04/1976, residing at Bengaluru, hereby declare that VIDYA VEERESH, E V VIDYA , VIDYA ESHWARAPPA VEERESH and Vidya Eswarappa refer to one and the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known as VIDYA E V for all legal and official purposes.

I, ANITA RAJKUMAR SHARMA ,W/O; RAJ KUMAR SHARMA, R/O:1C-305,SENSEW DIVYASREE ELAN HOMES,SARJAPUR MN RD, KAIKONDRAHALLI, BLR-560035. Have changed my name as ANITA SHARMA.

I, RAVI S/o HANUMESH KATTI, residing at No. 306, 3rd Floor, V2 Poorvi Enclave, 4th main, Hanuma Hills Layout, VTC: Chikkalasandra, P.O: Subramanyapura, B'lore South District, B'lore - 61, do hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from Ravi Hanumesh Katti to Ravi H Katti vide Affidavit dated 18.04.2026, sworn before Notary S R Thulasikrishna B'lore.

I, RAJKUMAR LALKISHORI SHARMA ,S/O;KISHORILAL SHARMA, R/O: 1C-305, SENSEW DIVYASREE ELAN HOMES, SARJAPUR MN RD, KAIKONDRAHALLI, BLR-560035.Have changed my name as RAJ KUMAR SHARMA.

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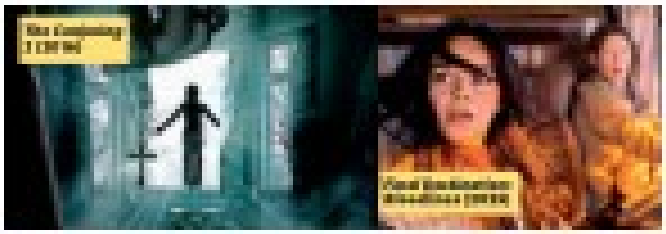

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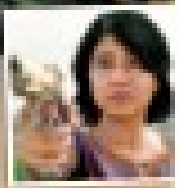

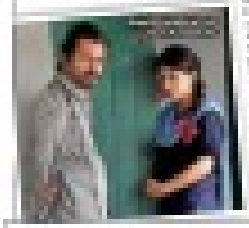

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Anjanapura Township 4th Block, Anjanapura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
1	178	11.00	12.00	132.00
2	174	10.50	11.60	121.80
3	243	(9.00+7.80)/2	9.00	75.60

Anjanapura Township 6th Block, Anjanapura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
4	553	(10.00+10.50)/2	12.00	123.00
5	552	(10.00+10.50)/2	12.00	123.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71000/-, Contact : 8310525317

Anjanapura Township 8th Block, Anjanapura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
6	730/A	8.50	18.00	153.00
7	1150	(8.30+3.00)/2	12.00	67.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 80000/-, Contact : 8310525317

Arkavathi Layout 10th Block, Dasarahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
8	DH71	9.00	6.00	54.00

Arkavathi Layout 11th Block, Rachenahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
9	1307	9.00	6.00	54.00
10	1334	6.00	(8.700+8.000)/2	52.50
11	RH-194	9.00	12.00	108.00
12	RH-179	9.00	12.00	108.00
13	RH-121	9.00	12.00	108.00
14	RH-112F	9.00	12.00	108.00
15	181	5.50	9.00	49.50
16	303	9.00	6.00	54.00
17	304	9.00	6.00	54.00

Arkavathi Layout 15th & 20th Block, Thanisandra

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
18	TS540	(1)3.6 M (2) 14.4 M	(1) 12.00 M (2) 0.5X12 M	129.60

Arkavathi Layout 15th Block, Thanisandra

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
19	TS875	18.00	12.00	216.00
20	TS484	17.50	(9.00+7.00)/2	140.00
21	TS450	6.00	12.00	72.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 9980402882

Arkavathi Layout 16th Block, Geddalahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
22	334	11.60	18.00	208.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 75000/-, Contact : 8722433608

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 59 to 116: 29.07.2026, 11.00 a.m. IST
Last date for bid closing: 30.07.2026 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Arkavathi Layout 18th Block, Byrathikhane

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
23	416A	12.00	(5.35+2.70)/2	48.30
24	522	24.00	(16.15+12.55)/2	344.40
25	552	(12.55+21.74)/2	14.30	245.17
26	498	24.00	(13.05+9.83)/2	274.56
27	513	24.00	(9.83+6.60)/2	197.16
28	516	24.00	(16.10+11.98)/2	336.96
29	506	24.00	(17.10+6.40)/2	282.00
30	548	(22.16+15.85)/2	14.65	278.42
31	549	(7.34+13.60)/2	14.40	150.76
32	453	12.00	(11.70+9.05)/2	124.50
33	532	24.00	(11.90+2.60)/2	174.00
34	221	(5.00+11.50)/2	9.00	74.25
35	222	(5.50+11.90)/2	9.00	78.30
36	270A	(7.50+10.70)/2	6.00	54.60
37	310	(6.00+9.50)2	12.00	93.00
38	271	(14.00+10.70)/2	6.00	74.10

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Arkavathi Layout 19th Block, Challakere

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
39	668	(4.40+8.50)/2	(12.10+11.00)/2	74.49
40	696	(10.50+12.00)/2	(11.90+11.80)/2	133.31
41	1308	10.20	9.30	47.43

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 8217795990

Arkavathi Layout 1st Block, Jakkur

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
42	581A	24.00	(1.50+5.50)/2	84.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73500/-, Contact : 8494933686

Arkavathi Layout 20th Block, Thanisandra

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
43	TS834A	(9.2+9.00)/2	12.00	109.20
44	TS837B	(9.2+3.50)/2	12.00	76.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 9980402882

Arkavathi Layout 2nd Block, Sampigehalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
45	325A	12.00	15.00	180.00
46	326A	12.00	15.00	180.00
47	333A	12.00	10.50	126.00
48	334A	12.00	12.50	150.00
49	344D	(16.34+16.62)/2	(25.13+22.95)/2	393.10
50	344C	12.00	16.00	192.00
51	360	18.00	20.50	369.00
52	385	18.00	20.00	360.00
53	402	18.00	20.00	360.00
54	2340	9.00	6.00	54.00
55	2432	9.00	6.00	54.00
56	2433	9.00	6.00	54.00
57	2519	9.00	6.00	54.00

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Arkavathi Layout 3rd Block, Sampigehalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
58	878A	(8.00+9.00)/2	(12.00+13.80)/2	109.65

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Arkavathi Layout 3rd Block, Sampigehalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
59	896S	12.00	(5.00+7.40)/2	74.40
60	896T	(6.50+5.50)/2	12.00	72.00
61	SH96	4.90	18.00	88.20
62	SH97	5.80	18.00	104.40
63	SH103A	5.80	16.00	92.80
64	SH104A	7.80	16.00	124.80
65	1075	12.00	(5.00+5.50)/2	63.00
66	1047	5.00	12.00	60.00
67	1048	5.00	12.00	60.00
68	1006	5.00	12.00	60.00

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Arkavathi Layout 3rd Block, Venkateshpura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
69	588	8.00	12.00	96.00
70	546	(8.80+8.70)/2	12.00	105.00
71	501	12.00	(11.00+10.80)2	130.80
72	500	12.00	10.70	128.40
73	560	(9.20+9.00)/2	12.00	109.20
74	511A	12.00	(8.25+8.30)/2	99.30
75	490A	12.00	(8.30+8.15)/2	98.70
76	598	8.00	12.00	96.00
77	521C	12.00	(8.35+7.40)/2	94.50
78	521B	12.00	(8.90+8.60)/2	105.00
79	468	12.00	8.60	103.20
80	479	12.10	(8.50+9.50)/2	108.90
81	458	12.00	(9.70+9.40)/2	114.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 75000/-, Contact : 8217795990

Arkavathi Layout 7th Block, Jakkur

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
82	2714	9.00	(5.50+5.20)/2	48.15
83	2643	9.00	(6.00+5.10)/2	49.95
84	3190	7.00	15.00	105.00
85	JK219	8.50	10.50	89.25

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73500/-, Contact : 8494933686

Arkavathi Layout 8th Block, Srirampura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
86	1239	17.00	6.00	102.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87500/-, Contact : 8494933686

Banashankari 6th Stage 10th Block, Hemmigepura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
87	1686	12.00	(11.4+12.7)/2	144.60
88	895	18.00	(18.7+16.8)/2	319.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 65000/-, Contact : 9844916955

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
89	1681	12.00	(10.00+13.9)/2	144.00

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Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
90	1665	12.00	(7.00+9.5)/2	99.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 65000/-, Contact : 9844916955

Banashankari 6th Stage 11th Block, Ganakallu

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
91	317	(7.30+1.50)/2	12.00	52.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
92	963	12.00	12.00	144.00
93	245	13.50	18.00	243.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
94	987	21.50	12.00	258.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 117 to 175: 30.07.2026, 11.00 a.m. IST
Last date for bid closing: 31.07.2026 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Banashankari 6th Stage 2nd Block, Turahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
95	1108	6.00	9.00	54.00
96	1234	12.00	(9.00+8.00)/2	102.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Banashankari 6th Stage 3rd Block, Hemmigepura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
97	2203	12.00	(6.00+7.00)/2	78.00
98	2247	12.00	(6.00+7.00)/2	78.00
99	2202	12.00	6.00	72.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 75000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Banashankari 6th Stage 5th Block, Lingadeeranahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
100	999	12.00	(10.30+9.50)/2	118.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 72000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Banashankari 6th Stage 9th Block, Hemmigepura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
101	603	24.00	(13.5+11.5)/2	300.00
102	609	18.00	(13.50+12.00)/2	229.50
103	789	(12.7+13.00)2	18.00	231.30
104	790	18.00	(12.00+8.00)2	180.00
105	781	(12.5+28.00)/2	24.00	486.00
106	776	(16.00+12.00)/2	24.00	336.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 60000/-, Contact : 9844916955

BTM 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Devarachikkanahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
107	1246	21.00	12.20	256.20
108	1242	20.50	14.60	266.88
109	1013	5.50	9.00	49.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,30,000/-, Contact : 8310525317

BTM 6th Stage, 1st Block, Hulimavu

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
110	176	18.28	(16.50+17.50)/2	310.76

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 90000/-, Contact : 8310525317

East of NGEF Banasawadi

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
111	3C-319	(3.02+9.10)/2	(12.0+14.60)/2	81.79

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,40,000/-, Contact : 8310525317

FE Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'T' Block, Talaghattapura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
112	1986	22.50	22.00	495.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70000/-, Contact : 8310525317

FE of Anjanapura 10th Block, Gollahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
113	1056	18.00	(27+22)/2	441.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71000/-, Contact : 8310525317

FE of Anjanapura 11th Block, Kembathalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
114	1233	6.70	9.00	60.30
115	88	9.00	(3.50+5.60)/2	40.95
116	69	9.00	(5.00+7.30)/2	55.35

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 78500/-, Contact : 8310525317

FE of Anjanapura 11th Block, Kembathalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
117	106	9.00	6.00	54.00
118	107	9.00	6.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 78500/-, Contact : 8310525317

FE of Anjanapura 11th Block, Kembathalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
119	878	12.00	(20.00+14.00)/2	204.00

FE of Anjanapura 11th Block, Kembathalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
120	857	12.00	(8.30+14.00)/2	133.80
121	856	12.00	(11.50+5.00)/2	99.00
122	838	12.00	(6.00+14.00)/2	120.00
123	40	12.00	(5.00+5.20)/2	61.20
124	23	12.00	5.30	63.60
125	1143	18.00	(18.20+11.00)/2	262.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 78500/-, Contact : 8147799282

FE of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'B' Block, B.M. Kaval

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
126	292	24.00	(15.00+14.00)/2	348.00
127	695	(15.00+14.00)/2	24.00	348.00
128	428	18.00	12.00	216.00
129	876	12.00	18.00	216.00
130	80	12.00	(9.50+11.00)/2	123.00
131	348/N	9.00	12.00	108.00
132	555	15.00	24.00	360.00
133	522	(15.00+13.00)2	24.00	336.00
134	538	(10.00+13.00)/2	24.00	276.00
135	657	(21.00+22.00)/2	24.00	516.00

FE of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'B' Block, U.M. Kaval

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
136	998	18.00	(10.00+5.00)/2	135.00
137	1063	18.00	(3.00+12.00)/2	135.00
138	1060	18.00	(17.00+21.60)/2	347.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70000/-, Contact : 8147799282

FE of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block, Talaghattapura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
139	378	(11.00+15.00)/2	18.00	234.00
140	405	9.00	(10.00+4.50)/2	65.25
141	372B	18.00	(8.50+20.00)/2	256.50

FE of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block, U.M. Kaval

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
142	1313	6.00	9.00	54.00

FE of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'T' Block, Talaghattapura

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
143	395/A	12.00	(9.00+1.50)/2	63.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70000/-, Contact : 8147799282

FE of Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 9th Block, Mallathahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
144	34	(12.2+.12.00)/2	(8.5+5.00)/2	81.67
145	92	9.00	(7.4+8.00)/2	69.30
146	106	(11.90+12.00)/2	(7.3+6.00)/2	79.46
147	40	11.82	(5.6+3.2)/2	52.00
148	94	(12.05+12.00)/2	(8.6+8)/2	99.76

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 70000/-, Contact : 8147510380

Koramangala

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
149	131/1	12.19	8.16	99.47

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,40,000/-, Contact : 6360632056

Kumaraswamy 2nd Stage, Govinayakanahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
150	3961	8.90	(6.00+5.80)/2	52.51

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 1,27,000/-, Contact : 8147799282

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 1st Block, Nagadevanahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
151	1513	12.30	24.00	295.20
152	1493	13.30	24.00	319.20
153	1494	(11.60+12.30)/2	24.00	286.80
154	1635	11.60	18.00	208.80
155	1512	13.30	24.00	319.20

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 3rd Block, Ramasandra

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
156	2409/1	12.00	6.70	80.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 6362956998

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 4th Block, Ramasandra

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
157	2936	12.00	11.70	140.40
158	1661	11.50	18.00	207.00
159	1656	11.80	18.00	212.40
160	539	18.00	12.00	216.00
161	1731	5.20	12.00	62.40
162	1748	8.20	12.00	98.40
163	1739	4.80	12.00	57.60
164	1598	(7.00+5.8)/2	12.00	76.80

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 4th Block, Ramasandra & Ullalu

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
165	502	10.00	18.00	180.00
166	561	(24.50+24.00)/2	(15.10+15.80)/2	374.60
167	548	(24.50+24.00)/2	(17.10+15.80)/2	398.90

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 4th Block, Sonnenahalli

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
168	1126	(18.20+18.00)/2	(11.50+9.70)/2	191.26
169	2117A	(5.40+7.70)/2	12.00	78.60

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 4th Block, Ullalu

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
170	4/3	18.00	(10.20+11.20)/2	192.60
171	5/3	18.00	(14.20+11.20)/2	228.60
172	43/5	18.00	8.40	151.20
173	43/2	18.00	8.20	147.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 9964229250

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 5th Block, Ullalu

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
174	559/18	24.00	15.20	364.80

Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 6th Block, Ullalu

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
175	755/A	18.00	9.30	167.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84000/-, Contact : 7975861995

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

(1) The auction purchaser should be a Citizen of India.

(2) Address proof: Any one of the following documents attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs) shall be uploaded:- a) Voter ID, b) Driving License, c) Passport, d) Unique ID number (Aadhaar).

(3) Uploading of PAN Card in e-auction portal is compulsory (Should be attested by Gazetted Officer/Notary/Attested by Embassy Office in case of N.R.I.).

(4) Signature & Photo Identity should be uploaded on the e-Auction portal [Attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs)]. Please download the prescribed format.

(5) The auction purchaser shall mention correct e-Mail address, mobile number and landline number while participating in the e-Auction. The bidder whose name is registered in the e-procurement is final and the site will not be transferred to any other name.

(6) **Minors / persons without computer knowledge are eligible to participate in the auction through their guardians or friends. While doing so, the name and related documents of only the person purchasing the property must be submitted / uploaded on the e-Auction portal while participating in the e-Auction.**

(7) Partnership firm may participate in the auction. However, the partnership firm should have been registered in India before participating in the auction.

(8) EMD amount is fixed at Rs.4.00 lakhs (Rupees Four Lakhs only) per site and this amount along with the e-Auction fee should be remitted as mentioned on the e-Procurement portal. 5% Service charge on EMD shall be deducted during refund if remitted to BDA's account instead of e-Auction Portal.

(9) All legal proceedings in respect of the auction sites are subject to the jurisdiction of Courts in Bengaluru only.

(10) Five minutes of delta time shall be extended to the last moment bids in the e-Auction.

(11) BDA reserves the right to withdraw the sites notified for auction at any time during auction period without assigning any reasons.

(12) BDA reserves the right to accept or reject the bid made by the successful bidder without assigning any reasons.

(13) **Bank Name:- Canara Bank, BDA Complex Branch, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020. Savings Account Name:- Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru. Savings Account Number:- 2828101053014 IFSC Code No.:- CNRB0002828 Mode of Payment:- RTGS / NEFT.**

(14) Advice letters will be sent by e-Mail to successful bidders (highest bidders) to remit 25% of the total cost after deducting EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakhs to the above-mentioned BDA's Bank Account, and the challan for remittance should be submitted to the Accounts Officer, Finance Department ('D' Block, 2nd Floor, Room No.308). In case of failure to remit 25% within stipulated time, as mentioned in the e-auction advice letter, EMD shall be forfeited. Successful bidders after remitting 25% of the final bid amount should pay the balance 75% amount within 45 days of receiving the allotment letter from BDA.

(15) EMD amount of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account interest free, within reasonable time.

(16) The auction purchasers who desire to have the sites jointly registered should upload the details of the persons concerned on the e-Portal. Only blood relations, viz., spouse, sons or unmarried daughters are eligible for joint registration along with the auction purchaser. The relationship of such person should be clearly mentioned and any Government ID proof must be attached along with the application. Later such requests shall be rejected.

(17) During bidding, if there are any duplication of Nick names for the same site, such bid will be rejected without assigning any reasons.

(18) **Where 25% of the total cost is not remitted within 72 hours of receiving e-Auction Advice letter by the successful bidders (highest bidders) or where 25% of the total cost is remitted after the prescribed time, the EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakh shall be forfeited by the Authority.**

(19) As per IT Act, 19 Act 2025 Sec.393, where the sale consideration exceeds Rs. 50.00 lakhs, the auction purchaser should deduct 1% of the total amount payable and remit the same to the IT Department.

(20) In case there is a difference in the dimension of the site (Less / More), the full amount (less TDS) as per the dimensions in the e-Auction notification / letter of confirmation of auction site has to be remitted within the prescribed time. If the remittance is not made within the prescribed time, action will be taken as per the Disposal of Corner, Intermediate & Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA. In case there is a difference in actual dimensions of the site (less / more), the excess amount, if any, remitted by the auction purchaser due to lower dimensions shall be refunded by BDA without interest. Similarly, any incremental amount due to higher dimension of the site shall be remitted by the auction purchaser as advised by BDA. Bidder should pay the full amount and then go for correction in dimensions, if any.

(21) Bidder / auction purchaser shall abide by the Disposal of Corner, Intermediate & Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA (Document is attached as part of the e-Auction documents).

(22) For demonstration of live bidding & learning the process of bidding, visit BDA Head Office during office hours. Bidding by BDA on behalf of a bidder shall not be undertaken during the demonstration.

(23) While participating in the e-auction, the bid amount should exceed the base price by 10% i.e., site measuring 108 m^2 has base price @ Rs.45,000/m^2. Bidders should quote more than Rs.45,000x1.1=Rs.49,500/m^2 (Rs.49,500 if quoted will be rejected). However, BDA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reasons.

(24) There should be minimum of 2 bidders for each site. Single bidder will be rejected.

(25) Website address: **https://bdakarnataka.in**

(26) E-auction bidders can download the New e-Auction bidding user manual by logging on to the website **https://bdakarnataka.in** For more information contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **080-46010000 & 080-68948777.**

(27) The auctioned Sites will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction must physically check the location of the site, Road width etc., before bidding. Sites allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled / substituted.

(28) Bidders participating in E-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.

(29) Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.

(30) Geo tag of the sites are for reference only. No Claim is entertained if there are any discrepancies in it.

BIDDERS HAVE TO READ ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BEFORE BIDDING AND SHALL PARTICIPATE ACCORDINGLY.

For location of sites and other details, log on to https://bdakarnataka.in
Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok

Contact Commissioner, BDA at 9663369000 (Whatsapp only) in case of Non-cooperation from the above mentioned officials

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Steep hike in passport fee; 250% jump in Tatkal charges

New Charges Will Be Effective From July 1

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt on Thursday announced a steep increase in passport fees across categories, including a 67% hike for the issuance or reissue of an ordinary passport and a 250% increase in charges under the Tatkal scheme. The new charges will be effective from July 1.

In a notification amending the Passport Rules, the external affairs ministry said that an ordinary 36-page fresh passport for applicants aged 18 years and above will cost Rs 2,500 under the normal category, up from the current fee of Rs 1,500. Under the Tatkal scheme, the fee will be Rs 5,000, compared to the existing charge of Rs 2,000.

In the case of an ordinary fresh 60-page passport, the fee will be Rs 3,500, up from the current Rs 2,000. Under the Tatkal scheme, the new charge will be Rs 6,000 — three times the existing fee. According to the notification, the steepest increase is for the reissue of a 60-page passport in lieu of a lost or damaged document, with the fee rising from the current Rs 2,000 to Rs 8,500.

For minor applicants (below 18 years), a fresh 36-page passport will cost Rs 1,750 under the normal process and Rs 4,250 under Tatkal. The fee for replacement for a lost or damaged passport has been fixed at Rs 4,250 under the normal category and Rs 6,750 under Tatkal. There will be a 10% discount in passport fee for fresh applications in case of minors of up to 8 years and senior citizens above 60 years.

The move comes amid govt's efforts to mobilise more resources in the wake of rising subsidy bill.

UP village 'falls off map' after spelling error on Google Maps

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Agra: A spelling mistake on Google Maps has trapped residents of a village in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad district in a digital loop, cutting them off from essential govt documents, welfare schemes and employment opportunities for years.

While it looks like a minor typo, the discrepancy has become a major headache and has paralysed lives of local residents because modern online govt portals heavily rely on digital map data for automated address verification.

The village, located in Narkhi block of Sadar tehsil, is officially documented in govt revenue records as Akalabad Hanspur. However, Google Maps lists the location as Akilabad Hanspur. Villagers said whenever they apply for Aadhaar cards or other certificates, the online systems fail to verify the location as the map database reflects the incorrect spelling.

BRO restores vital road link in J&K in 12 days

PTI

A vehicle crosses the 140-foot Triple Double Reinforced Bailey Bridge after it became operational, at Chishoti of Kishtwar district, Thursday

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN

Jammu: A bridge washed away in a cloudburst that killed 65 people at Chishoti in Jammu & Kashmir's Kishtwar district last Aug was restored by Border Roads Organisation in 12 days. Operationalisation of the 140ft triple double reinforced Bailey bridge restored road connectivity between Gulabgarh and the remote Machail region.

Jammu-based defence PRO Col Sunil Bartwal said, "The restoration marks the end of a prolonged disruption caused by the devastating cloudburst, which washed away the existing bridge at Chishoti and severed the only road link to the remote Machail region."

"The operation involved extensive site preparation, construction of abutments, transportation of bridging stores, launching of the Bailey bridge and development of approach roads under challenging terrain and weather conditions," Col Bartwal said.

Maha toddler bitten 25 times by another child at pvt daycare

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: A 23-month-old child was allegedly bitten 25 times by another toddler inside a private daycare centre in Cidco, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, after a staff member locked three children in a room and left them unattended, triggering a criminal case against the institution's management for negligence.

The CCTV footage of the incident, which occurred on June 22, was later reviewed by investigators. It showed a two-and-a-half-year-old boy biting the child repeatedly, at 25 places, for nearly 15 minutes between 11am and 11.30am, while no staff member was present to intervene. Police said a helper at the centre had allegedly locked the children inside the room from outside, leaving them unsupervised. A young girl in the room was also reportedly assaulted during the period.

Senior inspector Shivaji Taware, currently in-charge the MIDC Cidco police station, said an FIR has been registered against the principal, CEO, owner, regional manager, Maharashtra head and the helper of the centre. "The case has been registered under BNS sections 125(a), 125(b), 318(3) and 351 (2) related to rash and negligent acts, cheating, criminal intimidation, along with section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act," he said.

The child's father, a lawyer, alleged that the management attempted to cover up the incident. According to the complaint, the family was not informed for nearly two-and-a-half hours, and CCTV footage was shared only after allegedly being edited.

The FIR states that representatives of the institution tried to dissuade the family from approaching the police. They allegedly told them not to file a complaint and claimed that no action could be taken against them.

Primary education officer Jayshree Chavan confirmed that action was taken after inspection. "After receiving the complaint, an inspection was carried out. Following verification, an FIR was registered. It is a daycare centre, and safety precautions are mandatory for everyone concerned. Orders have been issued to shut down the day-care facility. The operators also failed to produce the required registration certificate," she said.

Police said further investigation is under way.

Arthashastra conceptualised equality before Magna Carta: CJI

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New Delhi: Giving an interesting twist to the popular belief that 13th century Magna Carta articulated the concept of equality, Chief Justice **Surya Kant** on Thursday said he personally believed that 'Arthashastra', authored by legendary fourth century administrator, strategist and thinker Kautilya, conceptualised equality and gave it the foundational value for civilisation.

Speaking at the St Petersburg International Legal Forum, the CJI said, "... the birthplace of Equality was not necessarily the Magna Carta in 1215. Rather, my own personal belief is that its roots are traceable to Kautilya's Arthashastra, which belongs to the Indian subcontinent and propounded the theory of Equality in the fourth century."

Quoting Arthashastra, the CJI said, "The text states in no uncertain terms that: a King who does not hold himself subject to dharma, to law, ceases to be a King, whether morally or actually." He said several civilisations simultaneously in myriad ways contributed in expanding the concept of equality and its cardinal role in an orderly society.

"Equality before the law was not a privilege to be dispensed by the powerful to those they deemed deserving. It has always been the grammar of legality itself. Without it, what we call law — is merely the organised will of the stronger party," he said and questioned whether the term and concept of equality applied in letter and spirit to international law.

This question is appropriate as increasingly one witnesses bigger and powerful nations bending the international law as it suited them and subjecting the smaller or less powerful countries to the rigour of sanctions and tariffs.

The CJI said despite the formation of the United Nations and the refining and development of international law, the question still being asked is - "Whether international law is a privilege of the few or a law among equals." He said the fact that the question is still being asked, is an indictment in itself.

"The honest answer lies not in the architecture of treaties nor in the composition of international organisations, but in a single, humbler, and far more urgent test: whether every sovereign state, and every human being within it, is empowered to access the law and obtain the desired remedy?," said CJI Kant, who signed an MoU with SC of Russian Federation two days ago.

Kerala Orthodox Church decries new FCRA rules on donations

Kottayam: Kerala's Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church has decried the Centre's latest amendments to Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act (FCRA) as "suspicious, an intrusion into fundamental rights" and an indirect warning that accounts may be frozen if govts are criticised.

The Church's main objections pertain to new disclosure requirements that include details of social media accounts, approved activities and geographical areas of operation for foreign-funded NGOs.

The Church's media division head, Yuhanon Mar Diascoros Metropolitan, bemoaned Thursday lack of consultations with stakeholders in finalising the amendments. He stressed that democracy is strengthened only when everyone is taken into confidence. TNN

Brics adopts consensus on sustainability co-op and energy security

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New Delhi: Brics nations Thursday adopted a consensus on strengthening cooperation in the areas of energy security, sustainability, innovation, resilient infrastructure and capacity building.

In a statement, govt said ministers at the 11th Brics Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurgaon reaffirmed the importance of respecting national circumstances, development priorities and energy pathways.

Addressing the ministerial meeting, power minister Manohar Lal underlined India's commitment to building "resilient, future-ready and people-centric energy systems" guided by the principle of "Energy for All".

He emphasised that developing countries require adequate time, resources and policy space to pursue sustainable development while meeting the legitimate aspirations of their people. He said energy remains fundamental to economic growth, social progress and human development.

He also highlighted India's energy transformation over the last decade, noting that the country has emerged as the world's third-largest producer and consumer of electricity, with installed power generation capacity reaching nearly 540 GW and non-fossil fuel sources accounting for more than half of the total installed capacity.

Brics nations also launched the Digital Centre of Excellence for Smart Grids and Energy Storage under the Brics Energy Research Cooperation Platform on the occasion.

Damage to graves: Official cites report

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Additional municipal commissioner Saurabh Singh told TOI that Nagar Nigam acted as per the assessment report prepared by the department concerned.

He said the compensation was calculated according to existing norms and directions issued by officials at the time, adding that the civic body "does not support any damage to religious or burial sites and necessary instructions have been issued to contractors to exercise caution during govt works".

Taj Uddin, a local resident, alleged that the incident had to be viewed with the pressure being felt around waqf land. "This is not compensation; it is insensitivity. Those responsible for the devastation remain unaccountable, while grieving families are expected to accept a sum like this," he said.

Documents accessed by TOI showed that two complaints were filed by Jamaluddin Khan, 89, president of the graveyard committee for nearly three decades.

J&K police stn incident: Army examines matter

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Commanding officer Colonel N Arun Gandhi, Major Vikas Sharma and Naib Subedar Shankar Gurkhe were among those named in the FIR. Major Sharma and Naib Subedar Shankar had allegedly led at least 30 personnel from the 17 RR camp at Kijayee to the police station the previous day and scaled the main gate and the boundary wall to start what the FIR describes as a "preplanned attack". The group was armed with iron rods and service weapons, the complaint states. Sources said this was soon after a military vehicle had been seized and brought to Atholi police station for allegedly blocking the DC's convoy.

The Army said the matter was under examination. "The Indian Army will extend full cooperation in the legal process. Appropriate actions will be taken based on the outcome of the joint investigation. At this stage, it would be premature to comment further while the investigations are in progress," Jammu-based defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said.

Indigenous LPG production goes up

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Govt also issued orders under the Essential Commodities Act directing oil refiners to divert C3-C4 streams from petrochemical and other downstream uses and use them exclusively for LPG production. Indigenous LPG production was increased from nearly 30% to almost 50% to plug the supply gap.

As domestic production increased and demand stabilised, govt raised LPG allocation to commercial users to up to 70% in a phased manner. Before the conflict, India imported over 60% of its LPG requirement, and nearly 85-90% of those imports came through Hormuz. In 2024-25, India consumed 31.3 million tonnes of LPG.

Taking note of improved indigenous LPG production, govt on Thursday also decided to reduce the diversion of C3-C4 streams to the LPG pool. "The enhanced allocation of C3-C4 streams for non-LPG uses will be implemented while ensuring that domestic LPG availability remains unaffected and aggregate indigenous LPG production is maintained at not less than 40,000 tonnes per day," the petroleum ministry said.

It added that the Centre for High Technology has been directed to issue organisation-wise allocations of these enhanced C3-C4 streams for the petrochemical and other critical sectors and submit regular reports to the ministry.

Indian basket crude prices return to pre-conflict levels

New Delhi: Indian basket crude prices returned to pre-conflict levels on Wednesday, with the basket priced at $70.71 per barrel, reducing the import bill, easing inflationary pressures and improving the financial position of the Centre and oil marketing companies.

The Indian basket of crude oil is a derived basket comprising the sweet grade of Brent Dated and the sour grade Oman and Dubai average, imported by Indian refineries each month. It averaged $69.01 per barrel in Feb, but rose to $113.49 in March and $114.48 in April before softening marginally to $106.23 per barrel in May. The basket has averaged $86.31 per barrel in June so far. The basket averaged $71.19 per barrel on Feb 27, a day before the conflict broke out.

Global benchmark Brent crude, which had touched $120 per barrel at the peak of the conflict, is hovering around $74 per barrel, its lowest level since the outbreak of the West Asia conflict.

The softening in crude prices is unlikely to be reflected in retail fuel prices anytime soon. TNN

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NIT No: 02/SE/PH/WGL/SBM 2.0 /30 ULBs /2026-27/455 Dt: 25.06.2026
Name of the work: Sewerage Projects in 30 ULBs under SBM 2.0 under the jurisdiction of Adilabad, Karimngar and Warangal PH Divisions (Package-I) under LS contract system with Hybrid Annuity Model. **Total Cost: Rs. 1276.04 Crores**; **Bid Download Start Date**: 01.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM; **Pre-Bid Meeting Date**: 06.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM @ Conference Hall, 7th floor, O/o ENC (PH), Hyderabad; **Bid Submission Start Date**: 09.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM; **Bid Submission Closing Date**: 27.07.2026 @ 04:30PM. For details visit **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.** Contact No:-**8886138590, 8500432315**
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For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 25/06/2026 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
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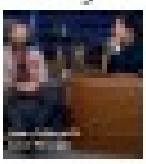

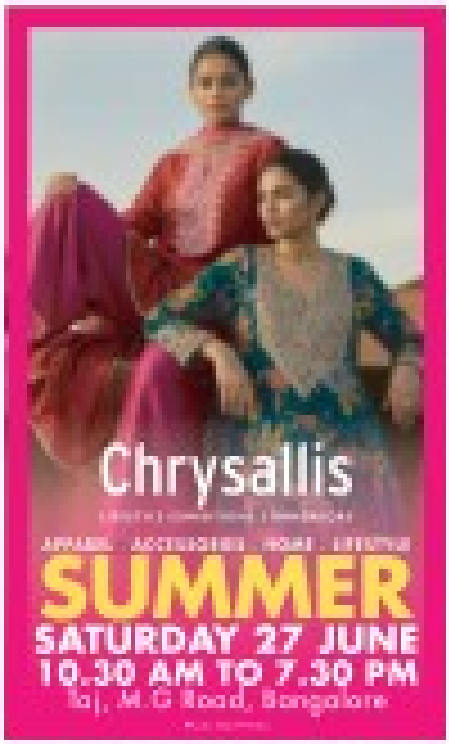

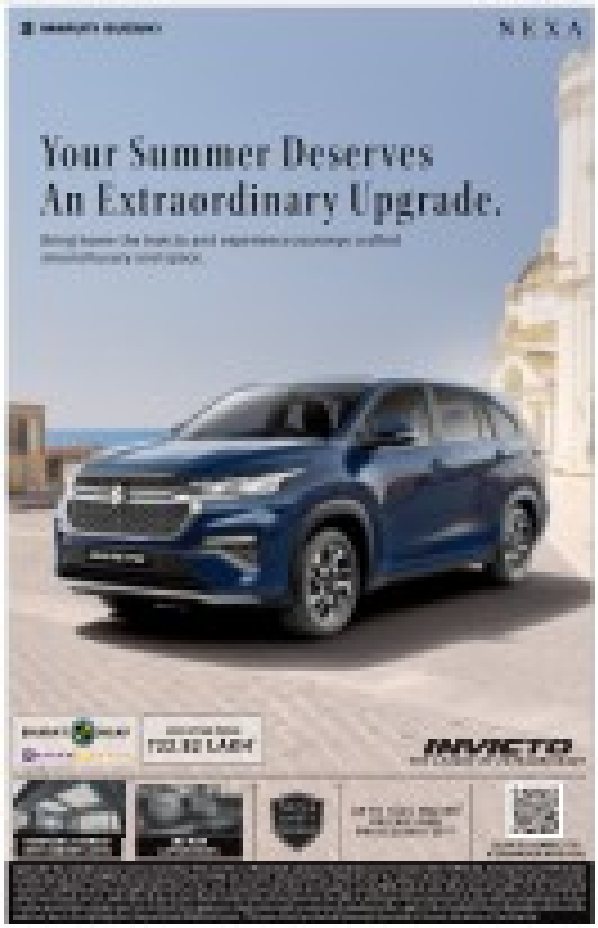

Dinesh Trivedi, new envoy to B'desh, gets Union min status

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Dinesh Trivedi, India's high commissioner to Bangladesh, presents his credentials to Mohammed Shahabuddin at Bangabhaban in Dhaka Thursday

New Delhi/Dhaka: In a decision that underscores the importance New Delhi attaches to its diplomatic engagement with Dhaka, India's new high commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi has been accorded status equivalent to Union cabinet minister.

Soon after presenting his credentials to President Mohammed Shahabuddin on Thursday, Trivedi — the first politician to serve in this position — announced resumption of travel visas for Bangladeshi nationals from all five visa application centres — Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong, Sylhet and Khulna. It was halted nearly two years ago amid deteriorating ties and the security situation during the Muhammad Yunus-led interim regime, which came into being after Sheikh Hasina's ouster as PM in 2024.

In an office memorandum, dated June 24, the home ministry said Trivedi "has been assigned the equivalent status of Union cabinet Minister in the Table of Precedence (ToP) as a measure personal to him, without amending the Table of Precedence". ToP determines hierarchy for constitutional authorities, ministers, judges, diplomats and officials during state and ceremonial functions. The order clarified the status is meant "for ceremonial functions only".

The status — first for an envoy to Bangladesh — was earlier accorded to I K Gujral (USSR), Karan Singh (US) and Triloki Kaul (USSR) as ambassadors. Trivedi — a former Union minister and BJP veteran — succeeds Pranay Verma, a 1994-batch IFS officer.

Briefing reporters after the presenting of credentials, Bangladesh President's press secretary Md Sarwar Alam said Shahabuddin expressed hope that Trivedi's tenure will strengthen and deepen the mutually beneficial and people-centric relations between Bangladesh and India. In response, Trivedi said it is natural for the two nations to enjoy friendly and cordial relations, reflecting the long-standing bonds between the two countries.

Sujata, ex-IAS and Pandian's wife, joins BJD

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Bhubaneswar: Ending months of speculation, former IAS officer Sujata Rout Karthikeyan — wife of ex-bureaucrat V K Pandian — joined the BJD on Thursday in the presence of party chief Naveen Patnaik.

Sujata, a 2000-batch IAS officer who took voluntary retirement in March 2025, touched the feet of the former chief minister after he welcomed her to the party.

Given that she is Pandian's wife — BJD's key strategist in the last two simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections and a close confidant of Naveen — her entry had triggered speculation over her possible role in the party. But Naveen quelled all talks of leadership change, asserting that he would lead the party in the next election.

"I would like to welcome Srimati Sujata Rout to the BJD. She will join as a simple member of the party," Naveen said, and added, "I would like to repeat that, of course, I will be leading the BJD in the next election. I want to make that very clear."

CBSE couldn't give a clear order: Pradhan

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CBSE could not give a clear order," Pradhan said, adding that the ambiguity would now be removed. "No child will face any difficulty. Those already studying two foreign languages will be allowed to continue till they pass Class 10," he said, adding that the policy would apply from Class 6 and then advance with each cohort.

Under the National Education Policy 2020, students from Classes 6 to 8 are expected to study three languages. Pradhan said this was already the norm across most school boards in the country. Of India's nearly 25 crore school students, he said, about 90% study three languages, and barring CBSE and Tamil Nadu, most boards follow the pattern up to Class 10. Within CBSE, nearly 99% already study two Indian languages; only about 1.3% have combinations involving two foreign languages — the group now left untouched.

Students now entering Class VI will study three languages, of which two will have to be Indian languages.

Pradhan said class-appropriate books in 22 Indian languages would be made available, and issues relating to teachers and resources would have to be addressed by CBSE. "This is CBSE's challenge, not the country's challenge, not the state board's challenge," he said. Class-appropriate textbooks in 22 languages would be ready on time, he said, easing confusion over books, teachers and timelines that had reached the courts.

A fourth language stays optional, and nothing in the policy bars foreign languages. The insistence, Pradhan said, is only on Indian languages anchoring schooling — part of a wider push to pull the country out of what he called a colonised mindset.

Besides the language question, there is now a parallel push on skills. From Classes 6 to 8, vocational exposure is compulsory, with schools required to spend 110 hours a year on skill modules and set up composite skill labs. In Classes 9 and 10, a skill subject such as Kaushal Vikas is mandatory.

U'khand security up as scores of protesting Nihangs set to arrive

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Dehradun: Heavy police deployment was ordered by Uttarakhand authorities at Dakpathar in Dehradun district—on the border with Himachal Pradesh—on Thursday after over a hundred Nihang Sikhs left Punjab for Uttarakhand following a call to gather at Karnaprayag to demand the release of their four members arrested earlier.

The arrests were made after the Nihangs clashed with locals over an alleged parking dispute in the town about a week ago. Officials said that as per their information, scores of Nihangs had departed from Gurdwara Singh Shaheedan in Mohali to reach Karnaprayag. They added that intelligence inputs indicate that several more Nihangs might try to enter the state.

Meanwhile, Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami said, "Govt will not allow anyone to take the law into their own hands. Char Dham and Hemkund Sahib yatras are currently underway. We'll ensure that devotees are not disturbed. If any strict action is required, we won't hesitate."

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BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1 No. 2152/20, Defence colony, 9th Main, D Block, Sahakarnagara, BNCC office, Bangalore–560092

No: BNCC-Z1/EE/BTP/KPPP/PR/07/2026-27 Dated: 25.06.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

(Standard Tender Document KW-4)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bengaluru North City Corporation, or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
	TWO COVER TENDER
1.	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to roads and drains at sahakarnagara, byatarayanapura village, Amruthnagar, Bhuvaneshwari nagar, maruthi farm, amruthnagar a sector b sector, c sector talacauvery layout, bhuvaneshwari nagar 1st to 12th cross, Amruthalli Village, hoodi layout, kalappa layout, Gangamma Layout and surrounding areas in ward no.15 & 16 (Package No:01) Rs.1000.00 Lakhs. **Approximate value of work: Rs.1000.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- (1.00 Lakhs through e-Payment (NEFT) balance Rs.14,00,000/- through BG/ FDR,should be submit before opening of Technical Bid). Category : Others**
2.	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to roads and drains culverts at amruthalli village, hottappa layout , kashinagar, sneha nagar, Bhuvaneswarinagara 9th Cross Onwards, Maruthi Layout, MCEHS Layout 1st & 2nd Phase ,Srirampura village , Telecom Layout ,cauvery Layout and surrounding areas in Ward No. 16, 17 & 18 (Package No:02) Rs.1000.00 Lakhs. **Approximate value of work: Rs.1000.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- (1.00 Lakhs through e-Payment (NEFT) balance Rs.14,00,000/- through BG/ FDR, should be submit before opening of Technical Bid). Category : Others**
3.	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to roads and drains veerannapalya, Nagavara signal near, Coffee Board Layout and Mariyannapalya, Thanisandra Basaveshwara School Main Road Ashwath Nagar, PNT Layout Cross roads and Surrounding area in Ward No. 18 & 19 (Package No:03) Rs.1000.00 Lakhs. **Approximate value of work: Rs.1000.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- (1.00 Lakhs through e-Payment (NEFT) balance Rs.14,00,000/- through BG/FDR, should be submit before opening of Technical Bid). Category : Others.**
4.	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to roads and drains Venkateshwara Nagara, Sampigehalli ,Hegedenagara Eastern Side, ShirdiSai Nagara, Prashanatinagar & Upgradation Of parks in Ward No:20 (Package No:04) Rs.1000.00 Lakhs. **Approximate value of work: Rs.1000.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- (1.00 Lakhs through e-Payment (NEFT) balance Rs.14,00,000/- thorugh BG/FDR,should be submit before opening of Technical Bid). Category : Others**
5.	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to roads and drains Venkategowda layout, Chiranjeevi layout, Bhagyasree Layout Main road and Cross roads, Chokkanahalli, Thirumenhalli, Basavalingappanagara & Balaji Krupa Layout Kattigenahalli Village, Kempegowda Layout & Ramanjeneya Layout Krishna Nagara Cross Roads, Balaji Layout, Prakruthinagara, Kogilu Layout, Siraj Layout, & Bellahalli, in ward no :18,19,20,21 (Package No:05) Rs.1500.00 Lakhs. **Approximate value of work: Rs.1450.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- (1.00 Lakhs through e-Payment (NEFT) balance Rs.14,00,000/- thorugh BG/ FDR,should be submit before opening of Technical Bid). Category : Others**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender Documents can be uploaded in KPPP-Portal from **29.06.2026 (2)** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **01.07.2026 at 15:00 Hrs noon** in the office of the Executive Engineer Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara office, Bangalore-560 092. **(3)** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is on **08.07.2026 up to 16:00 hours. (4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **09.07.2026 after 16:00 hours. (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid after Approval of Technical BID.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1, BNCC

MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(AN AGENCY OF PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF M.P.)

3rd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)

AMENDMENT No.-1 TO SHORT NIT No. 5997

(SUPERVISION AND QUALITY CONTROL CONSULTANCY OF RURAL ROADS BEING CONSTRUCTED UNDER PMGSY-IV, MMTSY & OTHER WORKS)

No./6186/22/D-12/MPRRDA/2026 Bhopal, Dated : 25.06.2026

The following amendment is hereby made in the Short NIT No. 5997 issued vide this office No. 5997/22/D-12/SQC/MPRRDA/2026 dated 22.06.2026.

RFP document may be seen, downloaded and purchased from our e-procurement website **https://mptenders.gov.in from 14.30 hrs on 26.06.2026** instead of from 14.30 hrs on 26.07.2026.

All other terms, conditions, and dates mentioned in the original tender document and the newspaper advertisement shall remain unchanged. For more details, please visit website **http://mptenders.gov.in.**

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (TENDER)

M.P. Madhyam/126573/2026

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, G.B.A Complex, 2nd Floor, Laskar Hosur Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru - 560030.

No: EE/BTM/KPPP/08/2026-27 Date: 25-06-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Government of Karnataka vide **G.O. No. UDD 429 MNU 2026, Bengaluru, Dated: 18-06-2026,** has accorded in Principle Approval and Sanctioned Budget for taking up of the work listed below.

The Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, BSCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
	1st CALL
1	Comprehensive Infrastructure Improvement Works in BTM Layout Constituency Comprising Road Asphalting, Drainage Improvement & Desilting, Footpath Development, Median Marking, Road Stud Installation and Other Development Works on Arterial, Sub Arterial and Ward Roads of BTM Layout Division. **(3 Works) - (Package No.8) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 1500.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 15,00,000/- (Rs. 1.00 Lakh shall be Paid in the KPP Portal and the Balance Amount of Rs. 14,00,000/- shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee)**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 29.06.2026 onwards. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **01-07-2026 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Zone-2, BSCC, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli Zonal Office, Bengaluru - 560068. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **06-07-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **07-07-2026 at 16.30 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Approval of Technical Proposals through KPP Portal.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer BTM Layout Division, BSCC.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of India Undertaking)

OPEN E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM) INVITATION NOTICE.

Name of Work: Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Ferrous & Non-Ferrous items for the projects being executed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited. **Notice No: KR/CO/EL/JAL-JAM/T/05R/26 dtd.26.06.2026. Completion Period:** 18 (Eighteen) Months. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 74,33,41,937/- Excluding GST. **EMD:** Rs.1,48,66,800/- **Last date & time for online submission of Tender: 10.07.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs. Opening of Tender: On 10.07.2026 at 15.30 Hrs.** Amendments / Corrigendum if any, would be uploaded on IREPS website only. Submission of Tender Documents: Through IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No:BDA/EE/HPD-1/TEN/T-100/2026-27 Date: 25.06.2026

SHORT-TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)

Short-term tender is invited for Housing Project work by Bangalore Development Authority (Indent Number: BDA/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT256)

Tender Schedule is as below.

Tender Schedule: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents in e-portal: **26.06.2026 (2)** Last date and time for submission of Tender Pre-Bid enquiries: **29.06.2026, 11.00 A.M. (3)** Date and time of tender Pre-Bid Meeting: **30.06.2026, 3.00 P.M. (4)** Last date and time for submission of Tender: **21.07.2026, 4.00 P.M. (5)** Date of opening Technical Bid of Tender: **22.07.2026 after 4.30 P.M.**

Interested contractors can view further details on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for more details it is requested to contact the Housing Project Division-1 of BDA during office hours. Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok

Sd/- Executive Engineer, HPD-1 Division, BDA,Bengaluru

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY

No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009. Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No:BMICAPA/CLU-02/27/2026-27/515 Date: 25.06.2026

PUBLICATION

[UNDER SEC 14(A) OF K.T.C.P ACT, 1961]

Sri. D. Anandababu S/o D.Dhamodaram Naidu and Sri. N.Jagadeesh S/o R.Nagaraj has applied to this Authority seeking change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No.28/5 extent of 00Acre-06 1/2Guntas of Sheshagirihalli Village, Bidadi-1 Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Bengaluru South District under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid lands are reserved for Agriculture Zone in approved Master Plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1) During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for Local labourers.
2) Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Layout in the above said lands.
3) By developing the layout Government will get taxes.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public. Any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the address of this Authority within **15 days** from the date of this notice. Any objections received after the stipulated time will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/1355/MAA/2026-27

Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI

MARKETING DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Tender Notice

e-Tenders were invited for supply of **1) 60 No's of melchat & Uttariyam Vasthram sets (Pure Zari) to Sri T.T.Tirumala 2) 30,000 No's of P.S.Dupattas (Silk X Silk) 3) 3,20,000 Kgs of Cane jaggery or Cane Gur 4) 600 cans of Dettol Antiseptic Liquid (Each 5Ltrs can) 5) 1,50,00,000 No's of Plantain leaves** through e-tenders to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams.. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the **web site http:// www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact phone numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, FAX No: 0877-2264554.**

TTD-40021(31)/1/2026 - PRO SEC (Adv. No 92). Date - 25.06.2026 **Executive Officer**

U.P. COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES FEDERATION LTD

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Dated 25.06.2026

Corrigendum Notice

Please refer to GeM Tender Notice for **Morna Project: GEM/2026/B/ 7529233 date-14/05/2026 & Bagpat Project: GEM/2026/B/7529501 date-14/05/2026.** After the Pre-Bid meeting dated-12.06.2026, necessary Corrigendum has been uploaded vide revised Tender Document, which can be viewed on GeM portal-**http://gem.gov.in/**

MANAGING DIRECTOR

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II) MM Building, Old Power House Premises, Near Ram Mandir, Banipark, Jaipur-302006 Website: www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl E-mail: jaipurdiscom@jvvnl.org Tel. 0141-2202607, E-Mail id:-semm2@jvvnl.org

e-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTICE

Short term e-tender are invited for purchase of 11 KV CT-PT Sets of 15/5 Amp. ratio (TN-3017, UBN- VVN2627GLOB00204). All the details regarding tenders are available at web site **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.** In future, corrigendum/ extension, if any, shall be published only at above web sites.

Raj.Samwad/C/26/5678 JPR-3177 (2026) SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II)

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DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001

Tel: 080-22215601, 22215801, FAX: 080 22215602

No: DYES/SMC/ಟೆ.ಕ.ಮ.ಕೇ/67/2024-25 **Date:** 25.06.2026

Tender Notification (Through e- Procurement portal only)

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, invites tenders from eligible bidders for the operation of the hotel located at the premises of Sree Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium through E-Procurement Portal under Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 (KTPP Act) and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount put to Tender	EMD Amt.
1	The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, invites tenders from eligible bidders for the operation of the hotel located at the premises of Sree Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium.	Rs. 2,25,66,240/-	Rs. 3,39,000/-

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**. Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

The last date for submission of bids through KPP-portal is **23.07.2026, 16.30 hrs.** Opening of technical bid: **27.06.2026, 16.30 hrs.** Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-

Deputy Director (Administration)

DIPR/CP/1368/SA/2026-27 Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

CORRIGENDUM

Tender No. 70250029A, Date: 23.06.2026. Following corrigendum has been issued against the **T/Case No. 70250029A** for procurement of "Integrated Locomotive Kit For WAG-9H Class of Freight Electric Locomotive" i.e Change of Item Description & Re-scheduling the Tender Closing Date are as follows : **Sl. No.; Description; From; Modified To Be Read As : [01]; Item Description under Item Details (Under Sl. No. 2 of NIT) (PL No. 29010330);** Existing; Integrated Locomotive Kit For WAG-9H Class Of Freight Electric Locomotive As Per RDSO SPEC NO. RDSO/2017/EL/SPEC/0127, Rev.2. In addition to above description, the Integrated Locomotive Kit should also comply requirement mentioned in Schedule of requirement (SOR), copy attached with tender documents. Annual maintenance for 35 (thirty-five) years will be as per LTMA **vide Doc.No.C-D&D/T/24/LTMA, Rev-3 Issued On 03/06/2026. [02]; Tender Closing Date;** 25/06/2026 at 11:00; **06/08/2026 at 11:00.**

AMM/HQ-II/ CLW/Chittaranjan

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STATE HEALTH AGENCY (SHA KERALA)

5th & 8th Floor, Artech Meenakshi Plaza, Opp. Govt. W & C Hospital, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 014 E mail - statehealthagencykerala@gmail.com web : www.sha.kerala.gov.in, Ph. No. 0471 4063121

Tender id : 2026_SHA_857361_1

e- Tender Notice

Online Bids are invited from Eligible Third-Party Administrations/ Implementation's support Agencies (Licensed with IRDAI) for implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana – Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (AB PM-JAY KASP) in Public Hospitals. For details on e-Bids submission and tender document, visit the e-procurement portal (**https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**). **Last date for submission of the completed e-bid documents:** 10-07-2026 (up to 16.00 Hrs.)

Date : 25-06-2026 **Sd/- Executive Director (SHA)**

25001/519/2627

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID : serw_balasore@yahoo.in
Ph-No-06782/260318
Balia, Balasore

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No. - Online Tender - Road N.C.B. No. 06 for 2026-27

Letter No 2720 Date : 18.06.2026

1. Name of the work : **TRIP/SDMF**
2. Total No. of Works : **27 Nos. of Work**
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last date & time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender in O/O S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No.-06 of 2026-27	06.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	19.07.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	18.07.2026 upto 5.00 P.M.	20.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated latter

- Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Balasore

OIPR-25001/25105/1/26-27/0008

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE

No: CMC/ Health Section/Municipal Fund/Man power/2026-27 Dated: 24.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) E-PROCUREMENT

2025-26 Municipal Fund tenders are invited for the Service mentioned below as per KTPP act 2000 in two cover system are invited from the Class-1 Contractors/Firms registered in KPWD as mentioned below. in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal the Agency / firms will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc.,

Details: 01.Annual Man Power Contract For Supply Of 32 Drivers, 03 Operators And 33 Helpers On Out Source Basis To Cmc Hosapete (Indent No:- DMA/2026-27/SE8104). **Estimate Amount (Rs.in Lakhs): 185.60. Service Tender Amount (Rs.in Lakhs): 8.83. EMD In Rupees: 265050.00**

02.PROVIDING THE MANPOWER SERVICES OF GARBAGE TIPPER/TRACTOR DRIVERS, LOADERS, CLEANERS, WORKS AT OPEN SPACE, WORKS ON PROCESSING AT WINDROW PLATFORM (SWM SITE), WORKS IN DRY WASTE COLLECTION CENTRE (DWCC) ON OUT SOURCE BASIS AT CMC HOSAPETE (Indent no:- DMA/2026-27/SE8085) **Estimate Amount (Rs.in Lakhs): 300.00. Service Tender Amount (Rs.in Lakhs): 14.28. EMD In Rupees: 428489.00**

1) Pre-Bid Meeting 03.07.2026 at 4.30 PM 2) Tender Last Date: 09.07.2026 TIME: 4:30 PM. 3) Opening for Technical Bid will be on Date: 10.07.2026 TIME: 5:00 PM. 4) Opening for Financial Bid will be on Date: 13.07.2026 TIME: 12:00 PM OPENING PLACE OF TENDER: CMC HOSAPETE. If any other information required can be obtained from the office of the CMC Hosapete during the working hours.

Sd/- Assistant Executive Environmental Engineer, CMC Hosapete

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner CMC Hosapete.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/157

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಕಛೇರಿ

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (KPPP) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ದಿನಾಂಕ : 25/06/2026.

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ (KPWD/ಇತರೆ) ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಿಂದ Work ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಏಕ–ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿ–ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (KPPP) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ/ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **29.06.2026** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

Sl. No	Indent No.	Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in (RS.)	Work Execution period	Category
1	DMA/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT60332	48.50	97000	05	Others
2	DMA/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT60334	49.95	99900	05	Others
3	DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT57807/CALL-2	21.56	43120	03	Others
4	DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT57838/CALL-2	138.35	207525	05	Others
5	DMA/2026-27/IND6272	6.03	15075	03	Others

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 01 ರಿಂದ 02 ರವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06.07.2026 ರಂದು 16.30.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ,** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07.07.2026 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 16.35 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ,** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **08.07.2026** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02.07.2026 ರಂದು 16.00.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ,** ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **03.07.2026 ರಂದು 11.00.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ,** ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ.ಪಾ ಸರ್.ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 03 ರಿಂದ 05 ರವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.07.2026 ರಂದು 16.30.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ,** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **16.07.2026 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 16.35.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ,** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17.07.2026** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06.07.2026 ರಂದು 16.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ,** ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನುದಿನಾಂಕ: **08.07.2026 ರಂದು 11.00.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ,** ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ.ಪಾ ಸರ್.ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ವಾಸಾಸಂ೩/ಧಾ/ದಿಶಾ/363/2026–27

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

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01	DMA/2026-27/OW/WORK INDENT60163	15.00	37500
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Bid document No.: OMC/E-PROC/C&P/021/2026-27 Dated. 25/06/2026

1	Name of the Work /Service	Techno-Economic Feasibility Study for capacity enhancement of Bangur Chromite Mine (UG)
2	Availability of tender documents	Date: 26.06.2026
3	Pre-bid meeting	Date: 10.07.2026; Time: 3.30 PM; Venue: Through VC
4	Bid due date	Date: 28.07.2026 up to Time: 3.00 PM

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the e-procurement portal of the Government of Odisha (**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**) and on the website of OMC (**www.omcltd.in**). OMC

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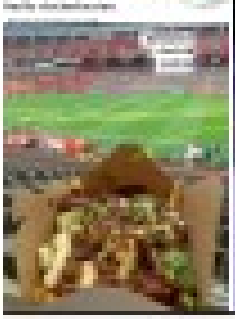

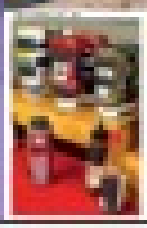

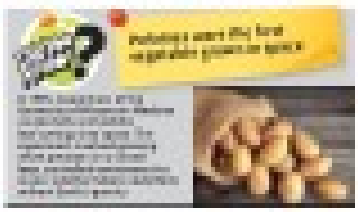

'Are we guinea pigs?' FDA officials question VIP food tasting duty

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Mumbai: Before the guests even reach the venue, all major VIP events have two permanent invitees in common, both tasked with tasting the food for safety prior to the elites and political class feasting on it: food inspectors from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and police constables from the local jurisdiction.

The recent wedding of NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule's daughter Revati to Sarang Lakhani was no exception. The FDA inspectors had to taste every item on the menu. Once this was done, food samples had to be collected, sealed and kept in police records for 72 hours.

This standard protocol, mandated first by the General Administration Department and then by the Ministry of Protocol, frequently pulls food inspectors away for VIP duties for up to half the week. One senior food department official went so far as to ask, "Are we guinea pigs to be experimented on? There are no travel arrangements made for us either."

The political spectrum covered under this protocol is vast, including everyone from opposition members who hold public office, such as MP Rahul Gandhi, to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who does not hold any public office.

Until three months ago, the team of food tasters had a third member: doctors from state-run hospitals such as JJ or St George's. However, the medical teams resisted and pulled out, arguing that their primary responsibility is patient care, not tasting food.

The official written order, says Dr Sanjay Surase, medical superintendent at JJ Hospital in Byculla, came in just over a week ago.

"We should have done it a long time ago, but better late than never," he says. With just a few days of planning, deployments cover not only grand events like high-profile weddings, but also routine arrivals and departures at the airport's VIP lounge.

"Four inspectors are unavailable for three to four days a week. It delays our routine work, but we make the reasons (VIP duties) clear to seniors," says a food safety officer who oversees the assignment of inspectors to VIPs.

FDA officials noted that when Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Home Minister Amit Shah visit, their own internal security teams conduct cyanide tests as part of their protocol. Officials must also check all packaged items at the venue.

'Impostor wore custom-made mask': Pjb CM rejects video

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Chandigarh: Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday again rejected a controversial video circulating against him, claiming it features an impostor wearing a custom-made mask.

Under growing political pressure, Mann termed the footage a political conspiracy designed to defame him on religious grounds ahead of the upcoming assembly elections. He announced he would submit the evidence to Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs, for investigation.

Speaking at a press conference in Mohali, Mann identified the mastermind behind the video as Jagman Samra, a Canada-based person with a criminal record who allegedly escaped a Punjab prison and reached Canada through Nepal. According to Mann, Samra procured a custom-made mask, placed it on an actor and filmed the video in Abbotsford, Canada, around 2018-19 to falsely portray him in an intoxicated state.

Mann said he has not visited the country since Nov 2016, adding that the design of the hotel room reflects construction styles that became common only after 2017-18.

"Who places photographs of Guru Sahib inside a hotel room?" he asked.

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

RFP Tender Notice No.11/2026-27/SE(Works- V&PL&C)/EE(West, Pendurthi)/DB/GVMC, Dt:25-06-2026

Number of Work	: 01
Value of Work	: RFP Tender
Tender Starting Date	: 27-06-2026 @ 5.00 PM
Closing Date	: 13.07.2026 @ 4.00 PM

Note: Further details at http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
O/o the SE(PL&C) Cell No: 9951532876 Sd/- Commissioner, GVMC

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No. BMICAPA/CLU-02/31/2026-27/516 Date: 25.06.2026

PUBLICATION

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri. Kalyanapuri Vaidika Sabha (R) Represented its President Sri K. Sriram Bhat S/o K. Narayana Bhat applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Public and Semi-Public (Gurukula)" purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP ACT 1961, pertaining Sy.No.:13 Extent 01Acre-29Guntas (00Acre-01Guntas Kallumarati 'B' Karab as pr survey sketch) of Bannikuppe Village, Kailanch Hobli, Ramangara Taluk. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting th following;
(1) The project is in the larger public interest as it will create opportunities for holistic academic, cultural, and moral development of children. (2) The Gurukula campus will provide a safe and conducive learning environment with adequate educational and recreational facilities.(3) The land is proposed to be utilized exclusively for public and semi-public educational purpose, there by ensuring long-term public benefit. (4) The project is expected to enhance literacy levels and improve educational outcomes in the region. Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to member Secretry, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary,
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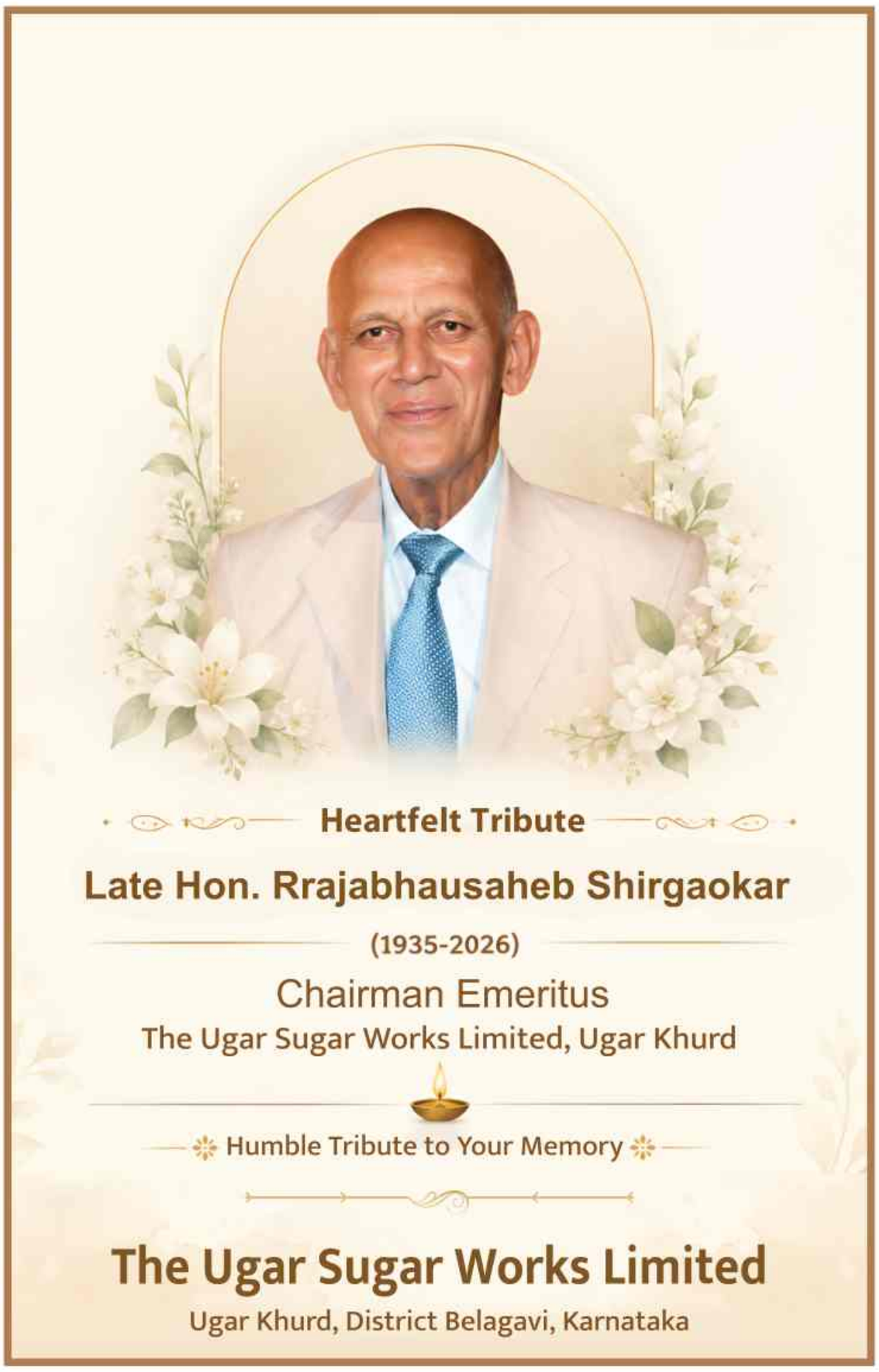

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) / LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (LCB)

Bids are invited on behalf of Service Recipients/ NDDB from eligible bidders for the works listed below:

Sl. No.	Description of Works/ Bid Reference	Estd.Cost (₹) incl GST /Duration	Event Start / Close Date	Bid Submission / opening date & time
A	**Civil, Structural, Water Supply, Sanitary & Other Misc. works including Internal Electrification works for:**			
I	Borewell works at AmulFed Dairy II, Rajkot, Gujarat. NDDB/HO/Purchase/31/26-27/ET/31[BOREWELL-RAJKOT]	460 Lakh / 03 Months	26.06.26 17.07.26	17.07.26 15:00 hrs. 17.07.26 15:30 hrs.
II	Renovation of office building for Lab at NDDB Anand, Gujarat. NDDB/HO/Purchase/32/26-27/ET/32[NDDBDLAB-ANAND]	60 Lakh / 05 Months	30.06.26 21.07.26	21.07.26 15:00 hrs. 21.07.26 15:30 hrs.
B	**Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning the following:**			
I	50 TLPD LMP Dairy (EXP. to 1.0 LLPD) at Giridih, Jharkhand NDDB/HO/Purchase/33/26-27/ET/33[LMP-GIRIDIH]	1450 Lakh/ 12 Months	26.06.26 17.07.26	17.07.26 15:00 hrs. 17.07.26 15:30 hrs.
II	Modular Partitions and Allied MEP works for Main QC lab at Mohali Dairy, Punjab NDDB/HO/Purchase/34/26-27/ET/34[LAB-MOHALI]	200 Lakh / 04 Months	26.06.26 17.07.26	17.07.26 15:00 hrs. 17.07.26 15:30 hrs.
III	Freon based Cold stores / Vaccine warehouse with PUF panel works at Satellite Unit OBPI, Berhampur, Odisha NDDB/HO/Purchase/35/26-27/ET/35[CS-BERHAMPUR]	70 Lakh / 04 Months	26.06.26 17.07.26	17.07.26 15:00 hrs. 17.07.26 15:30 hrs.
C	Providing Security Services at NDDB Noida. NDDB/HO/Purchase/36/26-27/ET/36[NDDB-NOIDA]	115 Lakh / 12 Months	26.06.26 17.07.26	17.07.26 15:00 hrs. 17.07.26 15:30 hrs.

For further details pertaining to IFB and for downloading the bid document, please visit these websites : www.nddb.coop, and www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocn for any clarification please contact **Group Head (Purchase), NDDB, Anand** 388001

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Platform)

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Bid documents will be available from **30.06.2026 @ 11:00 AM Onwards.**

The Bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Aspiring bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further, bidders can take assistance with KPP portal helpdesk at **9240214000, 9240214001.**

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CORRIGENDUM

No: 75264019 & 75264022, Dated:-23/06/2026. The following Corrigendum against Tender no. 75264019 scheduled to be open on 27/06/2026, at 11.00 Hrs. & Tender no. 75264022 scheduled to be open on 04/07/2026, at 11.00 Hrs. is carried out asunder: - **Sl. No.; Particulars; Tender No.; As per Tender Document; To be Read as follows: [01];** Tender Opening Date; **75264019** (Central Under Frame); 17/06/2026; **27/06/2026. [02];** Tender Opening Date; **75264022** (Centre Sill for WAG-9HC); 24/06/2026; **04/07/2026.**

PR7/399 AMM/M/CLW/Chittaranjan

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CORRIGENDUM

Tender No. 73263847, Date: 22.06.2026. A corrigendum has been issued against **Tender No. 73263847**, published on 20.06.2026 with Tender Opening Date: 08/07/2026, for procurement of " Brass Pipe Fittings FOR WAG 9 HC". The item description has been revised by changing the latest drawing reference. The revised description are as follows: **Sl. No.; PL Code; Field Name; Description: Modified Value(Description) are as follows: [01]; 29230147; Item Description; Existing Value;** Brass pipe fittings for E-70 brake system for WAG-9HC as per Specn. CLW/TS/99/CF/5 Alt.9 (Consist of 51 items as per set details attached). **[02]; 29230354; Description; Existing Value;** Brass Pipe Fittings for WAG 9 HC for CCB Brake System, Drg. No:-CLW/TS/99/CF/5 Alt.9 (Consist of 50 items as per set details attached). Accordingly, the item description changed description as per latest specifications.

PR5/397 AMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

NITs: 543/DB/SBM 2.0/44 ULBs/2026-27 Dt: 25.06.2026

Name of the work: Sewerage Projects in 44 ULBs under SBM 2.0 under the jurisdiction of Sangareddy, Rangareddy, Nizamabad & Mahabubnagar PH Divisions (Package-III) under LS contract system with Hybrid Annuity Model, **Total Cost: Rs. 1549.69 Crores**; **Bid Download Start Date**: 01.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM; **Pre-Bid Meeting Date**: 06.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM @ Conference Hall, 7th floor, O/o ENC (PH), Hyderabad; **Bid Submission Start Date**: 09.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM; **Bid Submission Closing Date:** 27.07.2026 @ 04:30PM. For details visit **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.** Contact No:-040-23325849, 9154299724.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer (PH)
West Circle, Hyderabad

R.O. No. : 4919-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

NITs: 01/TUFIDC/UNIT-II/SBM 2.0/27ULBs/2026 27 Dt: 25.06.2026

Name of the work: Sewerage Projects in 27 ULBs under SBM 2.0 under jurisdiction of Nalgonda and Khammam PH Divisions (Package-II) under LS contract system with Hybrid Annuity Model, **Total Cost: Rs. 880.02 Crores**; **Bid Download Start Date**: 01.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM; **Pre-Bid Meeting Date**: 06.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM @ Conference Hall, 7th floor, O/o. ENC (PH), Hyderabad; **Bid Submission Start Date**: 09.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM; **Bid Submission Closing Date:** 27.07.2026 @ 04:30PM. For details visit **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.** Contact No:8978261291, 9160042233

Sd/-Superintending Engineer (PH)
TUFIDC, UNIT-II, NALGONDA

R.O. No. : 4939-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27

AP POWER GENERATION CORPORATION Ltd., VS, VIJAYAWADA-520004
(A Govt. of A.P. Undertaking)

NIT No: 610002314

Name of the work: "Procurement of APH Baskets (Heating Elements) for 27.5 VITM 1900 RAPH of 210 MW Unit 5/State-III/Dr. NTTPS" received through e-procurement. **Schedule available Date & Time** : 15:00 Hrs at 23.06.2026. **Bid submission closing Date & Time**: 13:00 Hrs. 13.07.2026. For other details visit the website **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** Ph:**0866-2882614**

DIPR No:5206PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt:25/06/2026

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - M.C.P.H. Division No. 1		
1.	Strengthening of existing water supply distribution system by providing, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 4" i/d and 6" i/d DI pipe line in Phirni Road, near Shiv Mandir, Ravidas Mohalla, Valmiki Mohalla, Gopi Attaa Chakki, Kesho Ram Complex, etc. in village Burail to avoid contamination of water under the jurisdiction of SDE MCPH-17, Chandigarh (Ch. To Capital Head :- Village Development Fund). (Re-invited) Amount : Rs. 1,65,81,880/- EMD : Rs. 3,31,640/- Time Limit : 06 Months	25.06.2026 To 01.07.2026 at 11:00 AM	01.07.2026 at 11:30 AM
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 2		
2.	Revamp of flooring by providing High Density Chequred Tiles in front of Market / Showrooms / Booths and refixing paver blocks backside SCO in Market SCO No. 1 to 2 and 35 to 46 and around the Car Bazar Sector 13, Manimajra Chandigarh. Est. Cost : Rs. 75.37 Lacs Earnest Money : Rs. 1,50,748/- Time Limit : 03 Months	23.06.2026 To 29.06.2026 upto 12.00 noon	29.06.2026 at 12.00 pm
3.	Re-grading of Brick Flooring, Construction of Surface Drainage System and Repair of Existing Sheds and Corridors including Painting Works in New Cattle pond near MRF Centre, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh. Est. Cost : Rs. 130.37 Lacs Earnest Money : Rs. 2,60,750/- Time Limit : 06 Months	22.06.2026 To 29.06.2026 upto 12.00 noon	29.06.2026 at 12.00 pm
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 3		
4.	Reconstruction of damaged footpath in Dadumajra, Chandigarh. Capital Head : Improvement of Road, Parking Places & Infrastructure Facilities. Est. Cost : Rs. 112.41 Lacs Earnest Money : Rs. 2,24,810/- Time Limit : 04 Months	24.06.2026 To 01.07.2026 upto 12.00 noon	01.07.2026 at 15.00 PM

Note:- All other terms and conditions and complete DNIT are uploaded on website https://etenders.chd.nic.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
M.C.P.H. Division No. 1, Near Karuna Sadan, Sector -11, Chandigarh,
Roads Division No. 2, Room No.304, M.C. Chandigarh and
Roads Division No.3, Room No.311, M.C. Chandigarh. (O) 0172-5021482 xenroad3.mcc@chd.nic.in

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Horamavu Division, Jayanthinagara Circle,
Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560113

No.: BECC/EE/HRM/TEND/01/2026-27 Date: 25.06.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Horamavu Division, BECC invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPP Portal of the Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Comprehensive development of Arterial & Sub Arterial roads & Ward roads, drains and other allied works in K. Narayanapura Ward No. 1, Horamavu Ward No.2, Chelekere Ward No. 3 in Horamavu Division under GOK Grants in K.R. Pura Assembly Constituency. Package-1 **Appx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs): 2641.00, EMD (Rs. in Lakhs): 26.42 (Rupees one Lakh through KPP Portal and 25.42 Lakhs as specified in Bid Document)**

Calendar of events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for submission of queries: **02.07.2026 @ 3:00 p.m. (3)** Date and time for pre bid meeting: **02.07.2026 @ 3:30 p.m. (4)** Last date & time for submission of tenders: **06.07.2026 @ 4:00 p.m. (5)** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **07.07.2026 @ 4:30 p.m. (6)** Date & time for opening of Financial bid: **08.07.2026 @ 4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Horamavu Division, BECC

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
262713 001835	Procurement of Filler grade Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (in Jumbo Bag) for Unit -I	07.07.2026
262713 002002	Supply of 11kV Switchgear panels for replacement of DBB # 2 in RSPS # 2 at TNPL Unit-I. Bid issue date : 30. 06. 2026 Email : pmd1@tnpl.co.in	21.07.2026
262713 001993	Procurement of Heavy Duty LDPE Shrink Film 80/90 Microns of various sizes	07.07.2026
262713 001994	Procurement of Laminated Wrapper Reel of various sizes (Base 100 GSM with 15 Micron BOPP).	07.07.2026
262713 002037	Procurement of Stretch Film 50 Microns 50 CM Width 50/24 CM Dia	07.07.2026
262713 002024	Sodium Soap (Imported/Indigenous) required for Deinking Plant.	09.07.2026

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. For further details, please visit websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/2141/Tender/2026 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

OPEN E-TENDER

The following **E-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information, if any, Dy. CMM/P/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340721 or AMM/P, 9163342746 (For Notice No. A) & Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711 or AMM/HQ-II, 9163340724 (For Notice No. B). **Office Address:** Office of The PCMM /CLW/Chittaranjan.

[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 19/06/2026. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.: 91260176. Brief Description of Item: Polyimide Foil [Kapton] P1 F01, Size 0.125×510 MM. [In Continuous Roll of 50 mtrs], Specification No. 4TMS.096.092 Rev.-1, STR No. CLW/TM/176 [Rev.1]. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity: 9955.00 Metre. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹ 243400.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 21/08/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

[B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 19/06/2026. Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: 70260030. Brief Description of Item: Twin Tower Air Dryer with Precoolescer and Final Filter for WAG-9 HC Locomotives as per RDSO Spec. No. MP-0.01.00.06, Rev.06 MARCH 2021 or latest. [**Warranty Period:** 36 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity: 668.00 Nos. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹ 1860250.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 31/07/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

[PR4/396] PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

AUCTION PROGRAMME NOTICE No: S/XIII/02/2026-27

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Following is the Schedule of E-Auction to be held during months of July, August & September - 2026 for Sale of on-line scrap, Serviceable Locomotives and Depot Scrap under the jurisdictions of General Stores Depot/Hubballi and Mechanical General Stores Depot / Ashokapuram Depots and Hubballi, Mysuru and Bengaluru Divisions of South Western Railway.

Types of Auction	Venue	July 2026		August 2026		September 2026	
E-Auction	General Stores Depot Hubballi	7th	21st	4th	14th	3rd	16th
	Mechanical General Stores Depot, Ashokapuram (Mysuru)	8th	22nd	5th	18th	8th	22nd
	Hubballi Division	9th	23rd	6th	19th	9th	23rd
	Bengaluru Division	14th	28th	7th	20th	10th	24th
	Mysuru Division	15th	29th	11th	25th	11th	29th

Sale of serviceable locomotives:Following Twenty-one number of Condemned, Surplus, Serviceable Locomotives are in E-Auction Catalogue of Senior Divisional Material Manager/Bengaluru viz WDG3A- 13056,13118, 13243, 13249, 13263, 13268, 13299, 13270, 13273, 13285, 13297, 13331 & 14796, WDM3A - 14082, 14007, 14019, 14077, 16585, 16586, 16670 & 16876.

You all are requerted to actively participate in the above scheduled e-Auction. For details please contact Deputy Chief Material Manager/General Stores Depot/Hubballi (0836-2363466/ 9731668760), Deputy Chief Material Manager /Mechanical General Stores Depot/Ashokapuram (0821-2480171/ 9731665756), Senior Divisional Material Manager/Hubballi (0836-2363497/ 9731668750), Senior Divisional Material Manager/Bengaluru (080-22873081/ 9731666750), Senior Divisional Material Manager/Mysuru (0821-2420817/ 9731667750)

For Locos Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/DSL/Krishnarajapurm-9731666451 & SSE/DSL/Krishnarajapurm-9731666482

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in/E-auction

PUB/234/AAF/PRB/SWR/2026-27 **Deputy Chief Material Manager/Constuction/HQ**

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13001/995/2627

OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: ROURKELA

INVITATION FOR BID

No.8017 Dated 23/06/26

Bid Identification No. :- MC/RMC/47/2026

The Municipal Commissioner, Rourkela Municipal Corporation on behalf of Rourkela Municipal Corporation invites bids for works on percentage rate basis in double cover on online Mode. Bid Identification **No. MC/RMC/47/2026** for **01** no. Civil work with value of **Rs. 58.14 Lakh**.

1. Bid documents will be available in website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in** from **23.06.2026**.
2. Bids must be submitted on "online" on or before **04.07.2026 by 17.00 hours**.
3. Bids shall be opened at 11.00 hours on **06.07.2026** in the office of the undersigned in the presence of the bidders or their authorized agents.
4. Other details will be available in the web site **tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation

OIPR-13001/13131/1/26-27/0035

THE KRISHNAGIRI DIST. COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LIMITED,

KRISHNAGIRI E-mail : aavindpi@gmail.com

Ref. No. 4942/RMC/BMC/Tender/2024 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 17.06.2026

The Krishnagiri District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd, Krishnagiri are invites sealed tender forms (Under Two part system) from the Vehicle contractors for the period of **Two year (2026 -2028)**

Pre-bid meeting will be held at this office at **11.00 AM, 10.07.2026,** Last date for submission of tender document is **15.07.2026** by **3.00 P.M.** and opening of technical bid is on **15.07.2026** by **3.45 P.M.** in the presence of tenders. Tender document filled forms and EMD can be submitted as e-tenders through **https://tntenders.gov.in** before due date and time.

The tender form and other details can also be downloaded at free of cost from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** The General Manager reserves the right to accept / postpone / split / reject / cancel the tender.

DIPR/ 2131/TENDER/2026

GENERAL MANAGER,
KRISHNAGIRI DIST. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,

16001/23/2627

ODISHA COMPUTER APPLICATION CENTRE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Enq.No.-OCAC-IFITP-PROP-0009-2026-26040

Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Empanelment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Model Developers / Technology Companies for Development and Implementation of AI Solutions for Government of Odisha. For details please visit websites **www.ocac.in** & **www.odisha.gov.in**.

The bid shall be submitted in electronic mode only in the portal **https://enivida.odisha.gov.in** latest by **13.07.2026, 3:00 P.M**. OCAC reserves the right to accept/ reject any/ all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

General Manager(Admin), OCAC, Plot No.-N-1/7-D, Acharya Vihar, P.O.-RRL, Bhubaneswar-751013, Ph.-2567280/ 2567064/ 2567295

OIPR-16001/16003/1/26-27/0015

30001/49/2627

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED

OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha
CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omcltd.in

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD. — Mining Happiness

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sl. No.	NIT No.	Job Description	Availability of Tender Document	Bid Due Date
1	OMC/E-PROC/C&P/017/ 2026-27 Dated. 24/06/2026	Operation & Maintenance of all Hardware & Software Components and Cloud Hosting for Logistics Management System at Daitari Mines of OMC Ltd. for 5 years.	25.06.2026	23.07.2026 at 3.00 PM
2	OMC/E-PROC/C&P/018/ 2026-27 Dated. 24/06/2026	Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning 9 MVA Shell Type Furnace Transformer for Sub Merged Electric Arc Furnace of Ferrochrome Plant OMC at Jajpur Road.	29-06-2026	29-07-2026 at 3.00 PM
3	OMC/E-PROC/C&P/019/ 2026-27 Dated. 24/06/2026	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 12 sets of Twin start spiral concentrator for Chrome Ore Beneficiation Plant, South Kaliapani, Jajpur, Odisha.	29-06-2026	24-07-2026 at 3.00 PM
4	OMC/E-PROC/C&P/020/ 2026-27 Dated. 24/06/2026	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 4 MVA 33/11 kV Transformer at Daitari Mines of OMC.	25-06-2026	21-07-2026 at 3.00 PM

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the e-procurement portal of the Government of Odisha **(www.tendersodisha.gov.in)** and on the website of OMC **(www.omcltd.in).** OMC reserves the right to reject any/all the bids or to annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Head (C&P)

OIPR-30001/30005/1/26-27/0044

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OVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lokseva Bhawan, Sachivalaya Marg, Bhubaneswar-751001

PT4-HE-IT-MISC-0016-2023-34572/HE, Bhubaneswar, Dated : 25.06.2026

Corrigendum

DEVELOPMENT OF 83 DIGITAL APPLICATION MODULES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL GOVERNANCE PLATFORM ALONG WITH RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT COMPONENT AND TO INTEGRATE IT WITH EXISTING ERP OF HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Sl. No.	Reference	Description	Date
1	Bid Submission Dateline	Last Date & Time for Submission of Proposal	The last date & time for submission of RFP proposals is hereby extended. The revised dateline for submission of Bids : **03.07.2026, 05:00 PM** for wider participation of PSUs.

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government

OIPR-11001/11001/1/26-27/0019

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Reg. Office: 30/1, 3rdFloor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560051 E-mail : dgm4bswml25@gmail.com

No. DGM-4/ BSWML/EOI/ 01/ 2025-26 **Date:25.06.2026**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Management of Municipal Solid Waste is an obligatory function of GBA/BCCC/BECC/BWCC/ BSCC/ BNCC/ BSWML, under the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 and is responsible for providing municipal and civic services, which includes the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste generated in the city. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India (GoI), has formulated the Solid Waste Management Rules 2026, which makes it mandatory source segregation into three ways waste stream category i.e., Wet, Dry, Domestic Hazardous waste and special category wastes. Interested firms who have experience and authorized from State/Central Pollution Control Board in Scientific Disposal of Biomedical Waste / Hazardous waste can participate in this EoI

Sl. No.	Particulars
1	Expression of interest to arrive rates for "Collection, Transportation & Scientific disposal of Households/ Domestic Hazardous waste in GBA limits".
	a) Transportation charges per Kg (Minimum 2 Tonnes carrying capacity vehicle - average travel per vehicle per day for 150 Kms)
	b) Scientific disposal charges per Kg (includes charges of incineration & scientific landfill)
	c) Cost of collection bag per Kg

Last date for submission of EOI on or before **06.07.2026 at 4.00 p.m** through KPP Portal. For any clarifications you may contact at the above addressed office between **10.00 AM to 5.30 PM**. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject EoI from the applicant without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DIPR/CP/1340/NR/2026-27 **Sd/- Deputy General Manager-4, BSWML**

OFFICE OF THE PROGRAM MANAGER
PROJECT IMPLIMENTATION UNIT-PWD

Uttarakhand Disaster Preparedness and Resilience Project (U-PREPARE) 5th Floor, USDMA Building, 36, IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun-Uttarakhand
E-mail: piupwd@ukdisasterrecovery.in

REFERENCE No. 617/CERC/U-PREPARE/2026 **Date: 25/06/2026**

NOTICE FOR INVITING BIDS

The Government of Uttarakhand with assistance from Govt. of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the U-PREPARE Project under CERC and intends to apply part of the proceeds for following packages of goods. Hence, bids are invited for the following packages. The complete set of bid documents with BOQ in English and all information's regarding bid will be available on the website **https://uktenders.gov.in** from below mention dates.

Sr. No.	Package Number	Name of Package	Qty.	Proposed Selection Method	Bid Document Available Date
1.	01/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Excavator Backhoe Loader	25 Nos.	RFB (Request for Bids) Single Stage Two Bid System	29.06.2026
2.	02/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Skid Steer Loader	20 Nos.		
3.	03/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Tipper	30 Nos.		
4.	04/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Utility Vehicle	50 Nos.	RFB (Request for Bids) Single Stage Two Bid System	08.07.2026
5.	05/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Tendem Vibratory Walk Behind Roller	25 Nos.		
6.	06/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Hot Mix Plant	04 Nos.		
7.	07/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Sensor Paver Machine	04 Nos.	RFB (Request for Bids) Single Stage Two Bid System	16.07.2026
8.	09/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of Static Roller	08 Nos.		
9.	11/CERC/PIU/PWD/ UPREPARE/2026	Supply of 160 KVADG Set	04 Nos.		
		Supply of 05 KVADG Set	04 Nos.		

Notes: -

1. The corrigendum/addendum for the above package will be uploaded on website **https://uktenders.gov.in**
2. Email id **piupwd@ukdisasterrecovery.in** may be contacted for any information related to the bids or bidders may visit office during working hours for any clarification.
3. The tenders may be found under the organization name: PM (Project Implementation Unit-PWD) U-PREPARE-World Bank on the website **www.uktenders.gov.in**

Program Manager
PIU-PWD
U-PREPARE

11001/154/2627

BIJU PATNAIK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, ODISHA RAURKELA

Date : 24.06.2026

TENDER CALL NOTICE

Sealed Tender (two bid System) are invited from the reputed and experienced agencies/ Firms for the following tender. The detail Tender available in the website i.e **www.bput.ac.in.**

Sl	Name of the Tender	Tender Notice No. & Date	Last Date of Receipt of Tender
1	Tender for Supply of Equipment for Material Testing Lab	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/11 3/2024/4650, dated 24.06.2026	27.07.2026 by 5.00 PM
2	Tender for Supply of Equipment for Transportation Engg Lab	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/01 7/ 2025/4651, dated 24.06.2026	27.07.2026 by 5.00 PM
3	Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipments of Power Electronics Lab of Electrical Engg Department	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/05 3/ 2024/4652, dated 24.06.2026	27.07.2026 by 5.00 PM
4	Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipments for Electrical Engg Department	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/06 7/ 2024/4653, dated 24.06.2026	27.07.2026 by 5.00 PM
5	Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipments for Electrical Machine Lab of Electrical Engg Department	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/05 4/ 2024/4654, dated 24.06.2026	27.07.2026 by 5.00 PM
6	Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipments for Power System Lab of Electrical Engg Department	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/05 5/ 2024/4655, dated 24.06.2026	27.07.2026 by 5.00 PM

The University reserves right to reject any Tender without assigning any reason thereof. The receiving of sealed Tender by Speed Post addressing to the "Registrar, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Chhend, Raurkela - 769015. The tender received beyond the due date and time shall be rejected summarily.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

OIPR - 11001/11059/1/26-27/0007

JEWAR TRANSMISSION LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

2nd Floor, Niryat Bhawan, Rao Tularam Marg, Vasant Vihar, Opp. Army Hospital & Referral, New Delhi - 110057Tel: +91-9676520044

No: JTL/TBCB/JEWAR/26-27/220kV_Bay_Extn/EPC-1 **Date:** 26-06-2026

Siddhi Consulting Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 35, Vijetha Green Homes, Nizampet Road, Hyderabad – 500 072. (India) for and on behalf of **M/s. Jewar Transmission Limited (hereafter referred as JTL)**, 2nd Floor, Niryat Bhawan, Rao Tularam Marg, Vasant Vihar, Opp. Army Hospital & Referral, New Delhi-110057 invites tenders under two bid system, from registered / approved and eligible contractors/Agencies of PGCIL, Central Utilities and State Utilities for **"Construction of 1 No. 220kV GIS Bay for NIAL at Existing 400kV GIS Substation at Jewar under Turnkey Basis".**

**On remittance of Tender fee can share the payment details to info@siddhi.asia / info@jtl.in.net for obtaining the tender details as well as tender documents.

****Tender fee Rs. 5,000+GST. Account Details: Jewar Transmission Limited, A/c. No: 054805001663 IFSC: ICIC0000008 Branch: Khairtabad, Hyderabad or submit Cheque/Demand Draft in favor of "Jewar Transmission Limited" payable at Hyderabad.**

Sl. No	Name of Tender	Earnest Money Deposit (INR)	Document download/ clarification start/sale start date	Document download/ sale end date	Prebid Meeting date	Bid (soft) Submission Start & End Date	Bid (Hardcopy) Submission Date	Bid Opening Date & time
01	Construction of 1 No. 220kV GIS Bay for NIAL at Existing 400kV GIS Substation at Jewar under Turnkey Basis.	Refer the "Format of the Bid Security Declaration"	29-06-2026 12:00 Hrs.	06-07-2026 14:00 Hrs.	01-07-2026 12:30 Hrs.	Start: 04-07-2026 11:00 Hrs. End: 06-07-2026 16:00 Hrs.	Start: 07-07-2026 11:00 Hrs. End: 07-07-2026 15:00 Hrs.	07-07-2026 16:30 Hrs.

Place: **New Delhi**

-Sd-
Director
Jewar Transmission Limited

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Sd/
विज्ञापन सं: NCPOR/2026/05 Senior Manager – Head (Admin)

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Bid No.	Tender Name
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No:- 533 **Dt.:-17-06-2026**
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NIB NO. 02/2026-27

Bid **(On EPC Mode)** for **Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) With Approaches in Lieu of LC-1A on Suratgarh-Anupgarh Section at Km. 1/ 4-5 Section over SH-94** is invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM dt. 24.07.2026. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurment portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and DIPR department website. The approximate values of the procument is Rs. **7525.26** Lakhs.

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Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone Bikaner

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क्रमांक : डी-253 **दिनांक : 18.06.2026**

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For complete information on qualification, eligibility criteria, application form and other details, the interested persons may visit and download the same from the Department's website **https://www.urban.odisha.gov.in** or **https://rera.odisha.gov.in**. The last date for receipt of applications complete in all respects is by **03.00 PM** of **Dt. 15.07.2026.**

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If any person has any claim, right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in relation to the Schedule Property or any part thereof or, has executed any transactions or documents (whether registered or unregistered) with the current owner or predecessors in title of the Schedule Property, having the effect of creating an encumbrance thereon, are called upon to submit their statements, objections or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received, we would conclusively presume that no person has any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge or encumbrance whatsoever existing on the Schedule Property or any part thereof and we will issue our opinion confirming that the owners have title in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No. 53 measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas (excluding 2 Guntas of Kharab), situated at Nagadasa -nahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk and bounded as follows:

East by : Land belonging to Mr. Anjanappa, son of Mr. Dasa;
West by : Land belonging to Mr. Patallappa and Mr. Nagaraja;
North by : Thimmasandra Village Boundary; and
South by : Government Road.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 26th June 2026

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Our client, "M/s Verzont Infrastructure Pvt Ltd" or any of its affiliate companies are desirous of purchasing certain immovable properties situated at Kuppahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District. Details of the land parcels, including details of their current owners, are provided in the schedule below. The land parcels which are the subject matter of our title investigation shall be collectively referred to as "Schedule Properties".

If any person has any claim, right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in relation to the Schedule Properties or any part thereof or, has executed any transactions or documents (whether registered or unregistered) with the current owner or predecessors in title of the Schedule Properties, having the effect of creating an encumbrance thereon, are called upon to submit their statements, objections or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received, we would conclusively presume that no person has any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge or encumbrance whatsoever existing on the Schedule Properties or any part thereof and we will issue our opinion confirming that the owners have title in respect of the Schedule Properties

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural lands situated at Kuppahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District which is morefully detailed in the table herein below:

Sl. No.	Owner's Name	Sy. Nos.	Extent		Boundaries			
			Acres	Guntas	East	West	North	South
1.	Srichannarayappa son of Muniyappa	117	1	7	Land bearing Survey No. 118	Land bearing Survey No.115/2	Land bearing Survey No.116	Land bearing Survey No. 120/3
2.	(i) Munivenkatappa son of Chikka Thammanna, (ii) Krishnappa son of Chikka Thammanna, and (iii) Subbalakshmamma wife of Venkatesh	118	1	32	Lake	Land bearing Survey No. 117 and Land bearing Survey No.116	Land bearing Survey No.43/2	Land bearing Survey No. 120/5
3.	(i) Raghnanandhan G. son of late Gopalappa (ii) Sampath Ram M.R son of M.R Raghuram	112/1	0	13	Land bearing Survey No.13/1	Land bearing Survey No.110	Land bearing Survey No.112/2	Land bearing Survey No. 140
4.	(i) Doddanajappa, (ii) Munegowda son of Dodda Nanjappa, (iii) M. Nanjappa son of Muninanjegowda and (iv) Nanjappa	112/2	2	4.5	Land bearing Survey No.113/2	Land bearing Survey No.110	Nala	Land bearing Survey No.112/1
5.	(i) Sampathra. M.R son of M.R Raghuram and (ii) Raghunandan G son of late Gopalappa.	113/1	0	13	Land bearing Survey No.114/1	Land bearing Survey No. 112/1	Land bearing Survey No.113/2	Land bearing Survey No.140
6.	(i) Doddanajappa, (ii) Munegowda son of Dodda Nanjappa, (iii) M. Nanjappa son of Muninanjegowda and (iv) Government	113/2	1	18	Land bearing Survey No.114/2	Land bearing Survey No.112/2	Nala	Land bearing Survey No.113/1
7.	(i) Sampathra. M.R son of M.R Raghuram and (ii) Raghunandan G son of late Gopalappa.	114/1	0	12	Land bearing Survey No.115/1	Land bearing Survey No.113/1	Land bearing Survey No.114/2	Land bearing Survey No. 140
8.	Gowramma wife of A.V.Nanjappa	114/2	1	25	Land bearing Survey No.115/2	Land bearing Survey No.113/2	Nala	Land bearing Survey No.114/1
9.	Raghunandan G son of late Gopalappa	115/1	0	8	Land bearing Survey No.139/1	Land bearing Survey No.114/1	Land bearing Survey No.115/2	Land bearing Survey No.140
10.	Gowramma wife of A.V.Nanjappa	115/2	1	19	Land bearing Survey No. 120/3	Land bearing Survey No.114/2	Nala	Land bearing Survey No.115/1
11.	Ramakrishnappa son of Nanjundappa and (ii) Venkatalakshmamma daughter of Kempanna	116/1	0	27	Land bearing Survey No.116/2	Land bearing Survey No. 115/2	Nala	Land bearing Survey No. 117
12.	(i) Munivenkatappa son of Chikka Thammanna	120/1	0	25	Lake	Land bearing Survey No.120/6	Land bearing Survey No.118	Land bearing Survey No.121/3
13.	Munivenkatappa son of Chikka Thammanna, and K. Venkatesh son of T. Krishnappa	120/2	0	30	Land bearing Survey No.120/5	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.118	Land bearing Survey No.121/4
14.	Sujatha wife of A.Govindappa	120/3	0	23	Land bearing Survey No.120/2	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.117	Land bearing Survey No.122/1
15.	Bangara Hanumantha son of Bangara Somanna and (ii) Anil Kumar R son of Ramanjaneya G	120/4	0	22	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.115/2	Land bearing Survey No.117	Lake
16.	Munivenkatappa son of Chikka Thammanna	121/1	0	6	Lake	Land bearing Survey No.121/3	Land bearing Survey No.121/3	Land bearing Survey No.123/2
17.	(i) Munivenkatappa son of Chikka Thammanna, (ii) Krishnappa son of Chikka Thammanna, (iii) K. Venkatesh son of T. Krishnappa	121/2	0	36	Land bearing Survey No.121/1	Land bearing Survey No.122/4	Land bearing Survey No.121/4	Land bearing Survey No.123/2
18.	K.N Srinivas son of late Narasimhappa	122/1	0	6.5	Land bearing Survey No.122/2	Land bearing Survey No.139/4	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1
19.	(i) Thalari Appaiah son of late Munishami (ii) Venkatappa son of late Munishami and (iii) Muniraju son of late Munishami	122/2	0	6.5	Land bearing Survey No.122/4	Land bearing Survey No.122/1	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1
20.	Maddhurappa son of Munivenkatappa	122/3	0	1.5	Land bearing Survey No.121/4	Land bearing Survey No.122/2	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1
21.	Chikkavenkataramanappa son of Kondappa	122/4	0	1.5	Land bearing Survey No.112/2	Land bearing Survey No.122/2	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1
22.	Siddappa son of Hanumantharayappa	122/5	0	1.75	Land bearing Survey No.123	Land bearing Survey No.122/2	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1
23.	Narasimhappa son of late Doddamudhappa	122/6	0	1.75	Land bearing Survey No.123	Land bearing Survey No.122/2	Land bearing Survey No.120/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1
24.	(i) Basavaraju S son of late Subbaiah, (ii) Sudharshan son of late Subbaiah, (iii) Kavitha S daughter of late Subbaiah	123/1	0	12	Land bearing Survey No.123/3	Land bearing Survey No.139/1	Land bearing Survey No.123/2	Land bearing Survey No.124/4
25.	Munivenkatappa son of Chikka Thammanna	123/2	0	24	Lake	Land bearing Survey No.122/5	Land bearing Survey No.121/2	Land bearing Survey No.123/3
26.	Chikka Thammanna son of Chikka Nanjappa	123/3	0	1	Land bearing Survey No.123/4	Land bearing Survey No.123/1	Land bearing Survey No.123/2	Land bearing Survey No.124/4
27.	(i) Venkatalakshmamma wife of late Basavaraju, (ii) Shaila A.B daughter of late Basavaraju, (iii) Chaitra A.B daughter of A.B Basavaraju, (iv) Maitri A.B daughter of late Basavaraju, (v) S Sabjay son of late Basavaraju, (vi) Sachin son of late Basavaraju	123/4	0	12	Lake	Land bearing Survey No.123/3	Land bearing Survey No.121/2	Land bearing Survey No.124/1A
28.	(i) R Srinivas choudry (ii) Rajprasad	116/2	1	13	Land bearing Survey No.118	Land bearing Survey No.116/1	Nala	Land bearing Survey No.117
29.	Geetha K	124/1A	0	12.75	Land bearing Survey No.125/3	Land bearing Survey No.124/4	Land bearing Survey No. 123	Land bearing Survey No.124/1B
30.	KM Srinivas	124/1B	0	17	Land bearing Survey No.125/3	Land bearing Survey No.124/7	Land bearing Survey No.124/1A	Land bearing Survey No.124/2A
31.	Bachamma & Others	124/2A	0	15	Land bearing Survey No.125/3	Land bearing Survey No.124/3B	Land bearing Survey No.124/1B	Land bearing Survey No.124/3B
32.	KM Anjinappa	124/2B	0	14	Land bearing Survey No.124/2A	Land bearing Survey No.139/9	Land bearing Survey No.124/6	Land bearing Survey No.124/3A
33.	Hanumantharayappa	124/3A	0	15	Land bearing Survey No.124/3B	Land bearing Survey No.139/9	Land bearing Survey No.124/2B	Land bearing Survey No.137/1
34.	KN Murthy	124/3B	0	9	Land bearing Survey No.125/3	Land bearing Survey No.124/3A	Land bearing Survey No.124/2A	Land bearing Survey No.125/1
35.	KM Lakshminarayna	124/4	0	15.25	Land bearing Survey No.124/1A	Land bearing Survey No.139/1	Land bearing Survey No.123	Land bearing Survey No.124/1B
36.	KM Anjinappa	124/6	0	4	Land bearing Survey No.124/1B	Land bearing Survey No.139/9	Land bearing Survey No.124/1B	Land bearing Survey No.124/2B
37.	KM Lakshminarayan s/o Late KM Muniyappa	124/7	0	2	Land bearing Survey No.124/1B	Land bearing Survey No.139/9	Land bearing Survey No.124/4	Land bearing Survey No.124/6

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1.	Reddappa, son of Munishamappa	43/1	0	13	Land bearing Survey No. 47/4	Land bearing Survey No.47/7	Land bearing Survey No.47/6	Land bearing Survey No.43/2
2.	Reddappa, son of R. Munishamappa	43/2	1	8	Land bearing Survey No. 47/4	Land bearing Survey No.44/1	Land bearing Survey No.43/1	Land bearing Survey No.118
3.	Reddappa, son of R. Munishamappa	44/1	0	11	Land bearing Survey No.43/2	Land bearing Survey No.44/2B	Land bearing Survey No.47/7	Land bearing Survey No.116
4.	A.M Amaranarayanaswamy, son of Muninarayanappa	44/2A	0	6	Land bearing Survey No. 44/1	Land bearing Survey No.44/3	Land bearing Survey No. 47/7	Land bearing Survey No.44/2B
5.	A.M Amaranarayanaswamy, son of Muninarayanappa	44/2B	0	6	Land bearing Survey No.44/1	Land bearing Survey No.44/3	Land bearing Survey No.44/2A	Land bearing Survey No.116
6.	G Ravikumar and G Manjunath, both sons of late C.V Gurappa and	44/3	0	4	Land bearing Survey No.44/2A	Land bearing Survey No.45/1	Land bearing Survey No. 47/3	Land bearing Survey No.116
7.	M Nanjappa, son of Muninanje Gowda	47/3	1	8.5	Land bearing Survey No.47/7	Land bearing Survey No.45/1	Land bearing Survey No. 46	Land bearing Survey No.44/3
8.	Gowramma, wife of A.V Nanjappa	47/6	1	2.5	Land bearing Survey No.47/5	Land bearing Survey No.57/2B	Land bearing Survey No.56	Land bearing Survey No. 43/1
9.	V Ramu, son of late Venkataramanaiah	57/2A	0	7	Land bearing Survey No.47/6	Land bearing Survey No.47/7	Land bearing Survey No. 57/2B	Land bearing Survey No.47/2
10.	V Ramu, son of late Venkataramanaiah	57/2B	0	7	Land bearing Survey No.47/6	Land bearing Survey No.47/7	Land bearing Survey No.57/3	Land bearing Survey No.57/2A
11.	Munishamappa, son of late Pappanna	57/3 (57/1A)	0	2	Land bearing Survey No. 57/1A	Land bearing Survey No.57/4	Land bearing Survey No. 58/2	Land bearing Survey No.57/2B
12.	(i) Krupal M, son of Mangal Kumar Jain and (ii) Siddharth Prakash Bafna, son of Prakash T Bafna	57/5	0	4	Land bearing Survey No.57/1B	Land bearing Survey No.57/6	Land bearing Survey No. 56	Land bearing Survey No.57/2B
13.	(i) Krupal son, of Shanthilal H, (ii) Krupal M, son of Mangal Kumar Jain (iii) Siddharth Prakash Bafna, son of Prakash T Bafna (iv) Dipesh Kataria, son of M. Mahendra Kumar Kataria	58/2	0	38	Land bearing Survey No. 58/1	Land bearing Survey No. 58/3	Road	Land bearing Survey No. 57
14.	(i) Krupal M, son of Mangal Kumar Jain (ii) Siddharth Prakash Bafna, son of Prakash T Bafna (iii) Dipesh Kataria son, of M. Mahendra Kumar Kataria	58/3	0	38	Land bearing Survey No.58/2	Land bearing Survey No.58/10	Road	Land bearing Survey No.47/7
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Sub: Public hearing on Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Photovoltaic (DSPV) Plants) Regulations, 2026.

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued a draft Regulations on the above subject which is notified in the State Gazette on 04.06.2026 and is also available on KERC website viz **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in.**

The Commission will hold a public hearing in the matter on **Tuesday, the 07.07.2026 at 03:00 PM in the Court Hall of the Commission at first floor, 16C-1, Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru.**

Interested persons are requested to attend the public hearing and submit their views/comments/suggestions, before the Commission.

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For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

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As temps soar, a closer look at Paris's 'cold' reputation

Paris is among the world's most visited cities and one of its most complained-about. After years of returning to cover Roland Garros, ***Prajwal Hegde*** *examines whether the city's reputation for coldness reflects reality — or a cultural misunderstanding*

Few cities carry expectations quite like Paris. It is the capital of fashion, a perennial honeymoon destination, and a historic centre of Western culture. For centuries, it has served as a hub of artistic, literary, and philosophical exchange, a place where every street corner seems to promise a postcard moment.

Those expectations are reinforced by the sheer number of people who visit France each year. Home to a population of around 69 million, the country has welcomed roughly 90 to 100 million international visitors annually in recent years, cementing its status as the world's most visited destination. Its capital remains one of the planet's biggest tourist magnets. In 2024, boosted by the Paris Olympics and Paralympics, France surpassed the 100 million visitor mark.

Yet many travellers leave with the complaint that Paris is indeed beautiful, but it does not always feel welcoming. Is there a gap then between the city's image and the reality when experiencing it?

Understanding any city often means looking beyond the popular and paying attention to its everyday rituals.

It is a typical spring morning in Paris. The sky is blue, the sun making a tentative attempt at brightness. A perfectly turned-out Parisian steps off the kerb in the 16th arrondissement. Her cropped jeans skim her ankles, a tan leather bag hangs diagonally across her body. As she crosses at a pedestrian signal, a minivan turning into the street brakes abruptly, stopping just short of her path.

Her head doesn't turn, nor does she quicken her stride, but the corners of her mouth lift into a reluctant half-smile at the cluster of tourists watching the scene unfold.

Bloomberg

Home to around 69 million people, France welcomes roughly 100 million international visitors each year, many of them drawn to the iconic capital, Paris

The pedestrian light is green. She knows she has the right of way, she won't be pushed or rushed.

Mathilde Rinchet sips tea as she reflects on the Parisian vibe at the end of a long day at Sciences Po, the Paris Institute of Political Studies, where she is pursuing a master's degree in media studies.

"There is a difference between Paris and the rest of France; Parisians are known as a bit rude. We have a bad reputation in the country itself," she says, her English shaped by a French accent.

For many visitors, language is the first barrier they encounter in France, a country often perceived as stubbornly monolingual. In other places, like Japan or China, locals bridge communication gaps with animated gestures or translation apps. In Paris, a question in English may be met with a chilly response.

Rinchet, dressed in her grandmother's black Celine jacket, acknowledges that language plays a part, but argues that the issue runs deeper. She points to her grandmother's generation, who are often frustrated by noise, particularly the din of large tour groups dragging suitcases through residential neighbourhoods at ungodly hours.

"Sometimes Parisians don't like people who make superfast visits, they don't even try to learn the culture," she says. "They don't like people who are so entitled, they don't even try to speak a few words of French. At a cafe not far from here, an American girl wanted to be seated outside, but all the tables outside were full. She was making such a scandal, talking super loud, being really vocal about it. Sometimes there is nothing you can do."

Rinchet, like a lot of the city's youth, understands the importance of tourism and its impact on the economy.

At an Algerian restaurant in Boulogne-Billancourt, language proves no barrier to hospitality. The visitors speak no French, but the owner needs little more than gestures and smiles before serving generous plates of food. Later, she settles in alongside a group of twenty-somethings to watch football on television.

Instagram

A meme that captures expectation versus reality in Paris

Sowjanya Kashyap, an Indian tourist, receives an impromptu grammar lesson in a Paris cafe when a friendly server corrects her French. Kashyap literally translates "for a week" to "*pour une semaine*", when she ought to have said "*...pendant une semaine.*"

The tone is encouraging. A few days later, at a premier department store, she is praised for her French by a sales assistant. The 24-year-old, who learned English from watching serials on her phone, says many young Parisians now speak English.

At Roland Garros, also known as the French Open, one of France's biggest annual sporting events held in Paris each May and June, volunteers respond in English across the grounds. That was not common even in 2020. Almost everywhere, visitors are asked, "Do you speak English?" before directions are offered.

The shift accelerated as the city prepared for the Paris Olympics two years ago and has only improved since.

Still, there remain pockets where no amount of French or cultural deference seems to soften the response. At a boulangerie near the Parc des Princes, home of European champions Paris Saint-Germain, an order is placed down without ceremony, the expression as cold as the drink in the paper cup.

In the metro, failure to observe the unwritten rule of right of way is met with an immediate correction. "PARDON" lands with a harder, more guttural edge, which roughly translates to, 'Get out of my way'.

Rinchet, who is in the process of getting her driving licence, recently spoke to her father, who is from the French Alps, about driving in Paris. He reassured her, asking her not to worry, despite the constant honking. "Parisians are always in a rush," she says with a smile.

Rinchet uses the word blasé to describe Parisians.

"When you use public transportation, you'll see that no one smiles, even around a fellow Parisian," she says. "That's a shame because when you travel to other parts of France people are talking to each other in the street or while commuting. I would like to think that it is slowly changing in some of the suburbs, people are chatting, sharing a beer, dancing around the Seine."

Ultimately, Paris is neither the effortlessly welcoming postcard of tourist imagination nor the uniformly cold metropolis of cliche. Instead, it exists in the tension between the two, where a corrected preposition in a cafe, a frosty transaction in a boulangerie, and a knowing smile at a pedestrian crossing all belong to the same urban grammar.

"There is a difference between Paris and the rest of France; Parisians are known as a bit rude. We have a bad reputation in the country itself"

— Mathilde Rinchet
MASTER'S STUDENT AT PARIS INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES

For some that grammar feels intimidating, for others, it is precisely what gives the city its character. Paris doesn't soften for visitors, but it does not entirely close itself off either. It asks, instead, for attention to its rhythms, its rules, and its silences.

As the Paris Saint-Germain slogan goes, *Ici, c'est Paris*. This is Paris.

INQUIZITIVE

JOY BHATTACHARJYA

1 In the 2026 World Cup, **Michel Nkuka Mboladinga** is a national fan famous for standing motionless while saluting throughout the matches his team plays. It is a tribute to a famous national leader, Patrice Lumumba, who was assassinated in 1961. Which country does Mboladinga support?

2 The order of precedence of any nation is a list in which the functionaries, dignitaries, and officials are listed for ceremonial purposes. If the Speaker of the House of Representatives is third in the order of precedence in the USA, who is third in the order of precedence in India?

3 When Madame Bhikaji Cama created the first "tiranga" version of India's national flag and unfurled it in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1907, which two words were written on it?

4 Which ornamental tree, the state tree of Delhi, with the scientific name *Delonix regia*, is known as Krishna Chura in Bengal and Assam?

5 Which story relates in flashback the life journey of 95-year-old Ishar Singh Grewal (Shah), who has suffered a stroke and is on his deathbed?

6 What has India done only twice in its history — on 18 May 1974 and on 11 and 13 May 1998?

7 Manpreet Singh has become the most-capped Indian player in a particular sport, having played over 400 international matches. In which sport does he represent the nation?

8 If Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, and Kochi and Ernakulam are twin cities, which city is the twin of Pimpri-Chinchwad?

9 Which performer was born with the name John Prakash Rao Janumala and got his stage name after impressing his seniors and colleagues in the FMCG company in which he originally worked?

10 The Sachertorte is a dense, rich chocolate cake consisting of two layers of sponge cake with a thin layer of apricot jam in the middle, coated in dark chocolate icing. In which country does this dessert originate?

ANSWERS

1 | Democratic Republic of Congo
2 | The Prime Minister, after the President and the Vice-President
3 | Vande Mataram
4 | Gulmohar
5 | 'Main Vaapas Aaunga'
6 | Tested a nuclear weapon
7 | Hockey 8 | Pune
9 | Johny Lever
10 | Austria

TIMES NATION

BJP prepares nat'l team rejig amid cabinet change buzz

Re-Shuffle To Follow Declaration Of Its UP Unit Of Office-Bearers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid growing indications that a reshuffle in the Union Cabinet can go in tandem with BJP's organisational changes, party president Nitin Nabin is learnt to be giving the final touches to his team of office-bearers.

BJP sources had earlier indicated that the organisational overhaul would be done by month-end, with additions and changes likely to bear relation to the reshuffle that may happen in the central ministry. Speculation about reshuffle spiked Thursday following Nabin's consultations with a couple of ministers of state.

Party circles feel that the organisational reshuffle will follow the declaration of its UP unit of office-bearers, which was done Thursday. The drastic overhaul in the UP team with focus on relatively younger faces and representation of a wide array of OBC castes — being seen as a counter to Samajwadi Party's PDA pitch in the state — has given rise to the view that a similar composition may be reflected in BJP's national team, as the party seeks to deepen its roots in key caste demographics, besides youth and women.

With PM Modi known for keeping the exercise for changes in govt under wraps till the last minute, sources have maintained a studied silence over the issue, but the shift of some ministers to organisational duties and resignation of minister George Kurian after his Rajya Sabha membership was not renewed have fuelled the buzz of reshuffle, more so as govt is now into its third year without any rejig.

Though defection of 20 rebel TMC MPs to NDA camp and six Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs joining Shiv Sena headed by Eknath Shinde have lent credence to the reshuffle possibility, this, however, also means that it may happen only after Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla decides on these MPs' move as their parent parties have slammed their shift as illegal.

Rajnath's son among BJP UP vice-presidents

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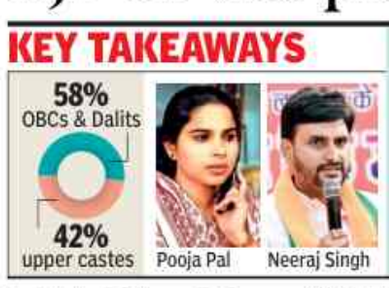

- All regional presidents replaced
- Strong OBC-Dalit outreach push
- Upper caste balance maintained
- Focus on social engineering ahead of UP elections

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Lucknow: Defence minister Rajnath Singh's younger son Neeraj Singh and 'rebel' SP MLA Pooja Pal made it to the list of BJP state organisational office-bearers the party announced on Thursday, ending days of intense speculation. The two are among 19 vice-presidents appointed on Thursday, along with eight general secretaries and 19 secretaries, who would be steering the party's poll prospects in the high-stakes UP Assembly elections early next year.

The list has come almost six months after party MP and Union minister Pankaj Chaudhary took charge as UP BJP chief in Dec last year. In all, the team, comprising 48 members (including Chaudhary and state general secretary-organisation Dharampal Singh), is bigger than the previous one, which comprised 43 members, including 18 vice-presidents, seven general secretaries and 16 secretaries.

Among the VPs, the party has retained only four — Braj Bahadur, Mohit Beniwal, Dharmendra Singh and Devesh Kumar Kori. The prominent inclusion among the VPs, is former minister Suresh Rana, who lost his Thana Bhawan seat in the 2022 polls to RLD's Ashraf Ali Khan.

Late-night talk no ground to doubt woman's character: Court

New Delhi: A Delhi court has said that merely because a woman talks to a man over the phone at late hours cannot be a reason to question her character or justify intrusion into her privacy by seeking preservation of her call detail records (CDRs).

Additional Sessions Judge Shunali Gupta made the observation while dismissing an appeal filed by a man challenging a trial court order that had refused his request for the preservation of the CDRs of his wife and another person in a pending domestic violence case.

In an order dated June 2, the court said, "To my mind, talking to any person even at odd hours of the day cannot by itself put a question mark on the character of the woman until and unless it has been alleged that the woman has some illegal, adulterous etc relationship with a said man." PTI

Parked car's airbag deployment kills man in Mumbai

Mumbai: A 25-year-old man allegedly died in a freak accident in Mira Road after a parked car's airbag unexpectedly deployed and struck him in the neck on Wednesday, **reports Manthan K Mehta**.

The steering wheel airbag casing allegedly hit the victim with high intensity, causing deep injuries and fatal haemorrhaging inside the stationary vehicle.

The deceased, Mohit Soni, was a resident of the Tiara Hills building in Kashimira. The incident allegedly occurred on Wednesday afternoon when the victim was inside a Honda car which was parked along the road.

Sources said the steering wheel airbag suddenly triggered without any apparent warning inside the parked car. The plastic cover protecting the safety mechanism allegedly flew off with immense force, striking Soni on the right side of his neck and causing profuse bleeding.

MEA remark puzzlement stresses need for citizenship proof docu

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In a post on X, former foreign secretary Nirupama Rao said the position that a passport is a travel document and not a document of citizenship is "legally correct". She said that while a passport is issued under the Passports Act, citizenship is governed by the Citizenship Act. "One law regulates the document; the other regulates the legal status," she said.

The controversy erupted on Wednesday when MEA officials, while unveiling the benefits of chip-enabled e-passports, said that a passport is primarily a travel document. Officials referred to the Bombay High Court's stance that because the law allows for a passport to be issued to non-citizens, its mere possession cannot be considered "conclusive" or "definitive" evidence of citizenship. HC had refused to grant relief to a man and three others charged with being illegal immigrants even after they produced passports (later revoked), Aadhaar cards and birth certificates to claim they were Indians.

However, even as the fact about passport having never been recognised as proof of evidence was spelt out, to many, the sense of puzzlement over MEA officials' statement underscored the need for govt to come up with a document which will certify a citizen as such.

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Former law secretary and expert on constitutional law P K Malhotra emphasised that since courts have specifically ruled that Aadhaar, Electors Photo Identity Card, ration card, etc. are documents that prove only identity of a person and are not conclusive evidence of citizenship, it is high time govt came up with a document which conclusively proves Indian citizenship. "This will obviate the fear in the minds of citizens about harassment by certain public authorities," he added.

The Passports Act, 1967, notified during the tenure of Indira Gandhi as PM, specified that the law was enacted for issuance of "passports and travel documents, to regulate the departure from India of citizens of India and other persons". Section 20 of the Act provides for issuance of passports and travel documents to persons who are not citizens of India. It says govt may issue a passport or travel document to a person who is not a citizen of India "if it is of the opinion that it is necessary to do so in the public interest".

Officials said while a passport is issued to an Indian citizen, the document itself does not provide citizenship. In other words, it is indicative of citizenship without being conclusive evidence of the same. Significant in this context is the purpose for which the law was enacted: travel. The issue of citizenship was not something it took up at all.

Malhotra said, "Citizenship of India is governed by the Citizenship Act, and the ministry of home affairs is the competent authority to issue a document of valid citizenship in case of a dispute. Normally, a passport is issued to citizens of India after due diligence, with certain exceptions as defined under Section 20 of the Passports Act. Holding a passport, which is governed by the Passports Act, is not conclusive proof of citizenship."

Malhotra added that in case of a dispute, a person has to produce a certificate of date and place of birth as defined under Citizenship Act. There are other parameters under the Act that have to be met for the purpose of citizenship, he said. Rao stressed that in case a person's citizenship is challenged before a court, a passport is not the legal instrument that settles the question.

Odisha CM calls 1,600 textbook errors a 'possible conspiracy'

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Bhubaneswar: Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday termed over 1,600 errors in school textbooks from classes I-VIII a "possible conspiracy" and announced strict action against the guilty, while deciding to withdraw the faulty editions and take corrective steps.

In an interview with TOI, Majhi said his govt had taken serious note of the lapses. "Errors did occur earlier, but the scale this time is unusually high. The entire process — from manuscript preparation and vetting to printing — needs scrutiny. I suspect a larger conspiracy to defame govt," he said.

Majhi said a committee was constituted to probe the issue before fixing accountability. "There was an initial suggestion to give the panel 15 days, but I insisted on a seven-day deadline. Those found involved will face strict action," Majhi said during the Times Health Icons Odisha 2026.

Majhi said all error-ridden textbooks distributed to students will be withdrawn, fresh copies printed and redistributed

CM Majhi said the guilty would be identified and measures taken to ensure that such lapses do not recur. "The deadline for submission of the report has lapsed. The findings should be ready," he added.

Majhi said all error-ridden textbooks distributed to students will be withdrawn, fresh copies printed and redistributed. "If evidence of conspiracy is found, the cost incurred on printing will be recovered from those responsible," he added.

The errors sparked statewide resentment among teachers and students. The school and mass education department issued a corrigendum asking schools to help students rectify the mistakes.

Day after tehrvi, 'dead' man returns

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Ghaziabad: On Wednesday, Girdhar Bisht's family gathered to perform his terhvi — the Hindu ritual held on the 13th day after death. By Thursday morning, the man they had mourned, cremated and believed to have been murdered by seven persons was back at his doorstep. His sudden return has unravelled a month-long mystery, stunned neighbours and thrown police into a fresh race to find out that if Girdhar Bisht (40) is alive, whose body did his family cremate?

Bisht reached home on Thursday morning, nearly five weeks after he went missing and 13 days after a body pulled out of Masuri canal was identified by his family as his. "He came home, paid the auto driver, and then froze when he saw his garlanded portrait," a neighbour said. Within minutes, word spread across the colony. Neighbours rushed out, some stunned, some convinced they were seeing a ghost. Police said Bisht got into a violent altercation with three brothers on May 16. During the fight, he allegedly hit Shailesh with a hammer, leaving him bleeding profusely. He was arrested the next day under preventive sections for breach of peace and sent to Dasna jail. On May 21, during her visit, his mother was told he had been released on a personal bond. The family claimed they were not informed of his release and filed a missing person complaint.

Then, on June 12, police recovered an unidentified body from Nahal Jhal stretch of Masuri canal. Bisht's relatives were informed and they identified the body as his.

Kuki-Zo body apologises for killing six kidnapped Nagas

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Guwahati: In a first public expression of remorse in violence-scarred Manipur, where relations among the Meitei, Naga and Kuki-Zo communities remain deeply strained, the Kuki Zo Council (KZC) Thursday apologised for killing six abducted Naga civilians, describing the incident a "grave mistake" driven by emotion.

The apology comes weeks after the bodies of six Naga villagers, who had been taken hostage from Leilon Vaiphei village in Kangpokpi district on May 13 by Kuki-Zo armed men, were recovered on June 10 from the vicinity of a Kuki-Zo village.

Manipur continues to remain on the edge since the beginning of the Kuki-Meitei conflict on May 3, 2023, which has claimed more than 270 lives and displaced about 60,000 people.

In recent times, ethnic conflict has also erupted between the Kuki and Naga.

Addressing a media conference at Churachandpur, KZC chairman Henlienthang Thanglet sought forgiveness from the Naga community, breaking from the entrenched blame game that has characterised the state's ethnic conflict that began in May 2023.

"Yes, I agree that the Kuki-Zo (people) made a grave mistake in killing the six Naga civilians, which was committed out of emotion. I strongly condemn it. I am very sorry and apologise on behalf of my people," Thanglet said.

He said that "the world and the country have labelled the Kuki-Zo as a very wicked tribe or a very bad tribe."

Clarifying the circumstances surrounding the conflict with Nagas in Manipur, he explained the fight initially began after an intoxicated Tangkhul Naga youth was beaten up on Feb 7 and taken before the village authorities to apologise in accordance with customary laws and traditions.

Probe into alleged diversion of money from donation boxes on temple premises

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The FIR was lodged by Krishna Mohan, a member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, at the Ram Janmabhoomi police station. The case has been registered under relevant BNS sections pertaining to theft by an employee, criminal breach of trust, cheating and criminal conspiracy. Those named in the FIR are Tinnu Yadav, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Avinash Shukla, Manish Yadav, Subhash Srivastava, Karunesh Pandey and Ramshankar Mishra. Except Yadav, who was in a supervisory role, all were involved in counting cash at the temple.

According to the complaint, the accused allegedly embezzled donations offered by devotees and misappropriated trust funds as part of a criminal conspiracy. The case centers on the alleged diversion of money collected from donation boxes installed within the temple premises.

The SIT was constituted after the temple trust formally sought a probe following allegations of financial irregularities that surfaced on June 13. Headed by Lucknow divisional commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, the panel also includes IGP (Lucknow range) Kiran S and finance department special secretary Neelratan Kumar.

Sources said the SIT examined records related to donation collection, counting, handling, storage and supervision, and questioned temple staff and officials associated with the process. The panel was tasked with identifying procedural lapses and assessing whether a wider conspiracy was involved.

Escaped labourer exposes months of factory captivity

Many had visible injury marks, while some appeared malnourished

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Reports said the case came to light after a labourer from Rajasthan's Jodhpur district managed to escape by scaling the boundary wall and reached police.

They told cops they were brought with promises of jobs, wages, food and accommodation, but once inside the factory, their phones were taken away, identity documents destroyed and contact with families cut off for months.

Ramu, a resident of Nainital in Uttarakhand, said he was brought to Muzaffarnagar around two and a half months ago on the pretext of employment. "We were treated like prisoners. We were not allowed to step outside the gate. They fed us dry rotis made from bran. If anyone made a mistake or asked questions, they beat us with iron rods and often used a spear to injure us," he said.

He added that the fear was constant because punishment could follow any small act of resistance. "We lived in fear every day. Nobody knew when the next beating would come," Ramu said.

Shivam Kumar, a resident of Auraiya in UP, showed injury marks while describing months of confinement.

For Jagdish, a resident of Sitapur, the separation from his family was the hardest part of captivity. "Whenever we talked about going home, they'd torture us. For 11 months, I could not speak to my family," he said.

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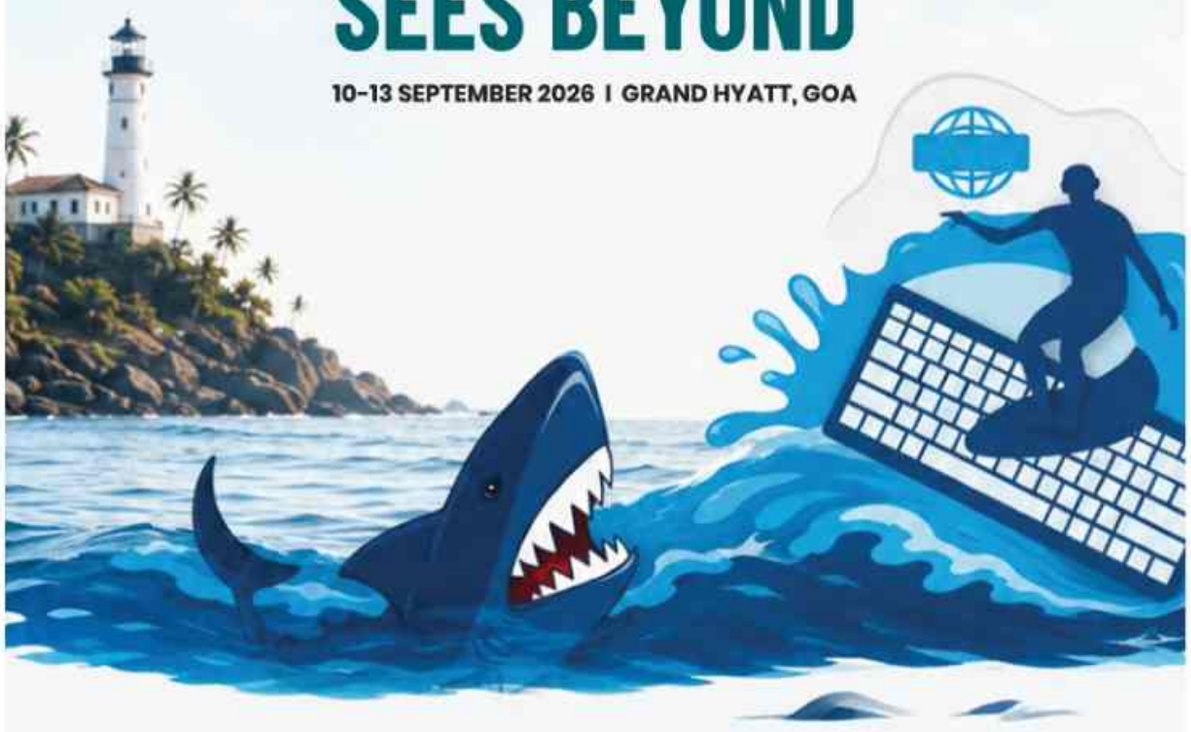

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-HERMAN MELVILLE

Indian? Prove It

Yes, passports alone don't prove citizenship. But govt must understand why there's general anxiety

An MEA official's response that an Indian passport is not proof of citizenship, to a question on a passport-holder's exclusion from SIR, has created both uncertainty and anxiety. Understandably so – there's been a lot of chatter about the citizenship issue. What the official said is correct – the passport is the primary document for international travel. And, yes, there are various categories of passports, one of which may be issued to non-Indians in select cases. Also true: Bombay HC's 2013 judgment was clear that a passport by itself is not proof of citizenship.

The fact is India has no single document for citizenship. And attempts at building a National Register of Citizens have, unsurprisingly, faltered. Proving citizenship through documents is a complicated affair. This is not only because India is a document-scarce country, but also because *how* citizenship should be determined was mostly allowed to be a flexible process. This was by design, given the range of peoples that call India home. The original idea of citizenship presumed most people residing in this country are citizens, unless there was clear and present evidence to suggest otherwise. But, for some time now, this view hasn't found favour with the official approach.

There's a problem with that. In the accelerated push for document-based determination of citizenship, and with the relevant law going through multiple amendments, in 2003, 2015, 2019, and 2025, citizenship has become a status that depends not only on *possessing* documents but on possessing the *right* documents that fit changing legal criteria. One of these is legacy documents. For example, can proof of birth in India be considered evidence of citizenship, without proof that one of our parents was also born in India? If the answer is no, then the sarkari solution will be: get proof that your mum and dad were India-born. But even many well-to-do people may not possess these documents, far less hundreds of millions of poorer residents of this country. And woe betide anyone who's lost their birth certificate – getting it out of the relevant municipal authority is a Kafkaesque ordeal. And, as some have pointed out, what's to prevent an official from asking where your grandad and grannie were born?

None of this is happening now. Neither was MEA wrong. But govt must ask itself why many people who call themselves Indians in utterly good faith, are getting increasingly apprehensive about the citizenship question.

Good Governance 101

Babus should pay attention to cabinet secy's note on need for gradual and regular improvement

India's top civil servant has sterling advice for officers on lower branches. To summarise: when they look back on their careers, at the end of their service, they should see 30 years of learning and improvement, not one year's experience repeated 30 times. Though the idea is not original, as a reminder it is timely. The civil service, after all, is still India's "steel frame". When it refuses to grow with time, it hinders the nation's development. And India is a country held back by old ideas, policies, and its bureaucracy's reluctance to adapt. But change need not be sudden or dramatic. Officers anyway can't make tectonic moves. So the cabinet secretary's note stresses on the importance of routine things, and recommends getting them right, day after day, year after year.

That is nothing but 'Kaizen', the Japanese philosophy that made Toyota the world's biggest carmaker, by sales. Kaizen literally means "good change". Practically, it requires gradual and continuous improvement. For example, if the same exam suffers paper leaks twice, there's no Kaizen in the system. And where there's no Kaizen, the people in charge aren't asking, "How can we do this better, at a lower cost?" There's something else they're probably not doing: 'Gemba', or going and seeing with their own eyes. How Mumbai's suburban commuters hang out of trains, and how getting a bucket of water consumes hours of poor women's lives.

We can all use Kaizen in our lives, at work and at home, and the cabinet secretary's advice on keeping meetings short and purposeful, is important too. Business leaders like Jeff Bezos have their meeting hacks, like the two-pizza rule – call no more staff than can be fed on two pizzas. And civil servants should be equally economical, because they operate on the public's time and funds.

Writefully yours

Like restaurant waiters who get tips, pen-pushers should get baksheesh from readers

Jug Suraiya

Somerset Maugham floated the idea that, just as servers in restaurants are traditionally given as a token of appreciation of an enjoyable repast a gratuity called a tip – which according to urban lore is an acronym for 'To insure privilege' – above and beyond the bill presented by the establishment, authors ought to receive a bonus from readers who have found the writer's literary food for thought agreeable and to their satisfaction.

Maugham, whose prolific output had gained him critical acclaim as well as a more than comfortable source of income, lamented that authors, while hoping for the moon, had to make do with sixpence, to paraphrase a title of one of the famed novelist's works, by way of sales-based royalties received.

Maugham reasoned that with the spread of lending libraries in Britain, a single sold copy of a book might well be read and appreciated by dozens of readers but would fetch the writer a fraction of royalties that would have accrued with wider sales, if each of the readers had bought a copy for themselves.

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To pinch two more of Maugham's book titles, life was not all cakes and ale for several famous writers, including Edgar Allen Poe and Herman Melville, who faced the razor's edge of penury in their declining years.

Owing to a loophole in copyright laws at the time, British author Jerome K Jerome's immortal comedic classic, *Three Men in a Boat, Not to Mention the Dog*, by most accounts one of the funniest books ever written in the English language, didn't earn him a single penny though its sales in US were over a million copies, bought by readers who displayed a voracious appetite for it, causing the publisher to comment that "I often think the public must eat them."

Today, with AI threatening to hijack the job of writers and put them out to pasture in human bondage, to use another Maughamism, perhaps like World Wildlife Fund, another WWF, the World Writers Fund, should be established to protect this endangered species.

Who'd fund such a fund? Readers, of course, who for the benefit of their favourite pen-pushers would do the write thing by them.

The Irony Of Zion

Israel is living as a sentinel state, swamped in the very anxieties it was created to escape from

Nirupama Rao

Reading some of the rhetoric emerging from Israel today, one is reminded not so much of military campaigns or diplomatic manoeuvres, as of a deeper historical irony.

Israel's founders didn't set out merely to build a state. After centuries of exile, persecution, and exclusion, culminating in the unspeakable catastrophe of the Holocaust, the Zionist project represented a determination that Jewish people would no longer live at the mercy of others. It was the promise of a home. Or a nation like other nations.

But, more than 75 years after its creation, Israel remains a country profoundly shaped by the very anxieties it sought to escape. Fear still occupies a central place in its national consciousness. Existential insecurity continues to define much of its strategic thinking. Military preparedness remains woven into the fabric of everyday life. The sense of living under siege, of standing watch against ever-present dangers, has never entirely receded.

There is a paradox here. The state created to provide refuge from insecurity, has itself become inseparable from a condition of permanent vigilance. To say this is not to dismiss Israel's security concerns. Few countries have lived through the experiences it's endured: Wars with neighbouring states, terrorism, rocket attacks, suicide bombings, and the horrors of Oct 7. The fear felt by Israelis isn't imagined. It's rooted in memory, experience, history.

Nor can the wider context of West Asia be ignored, where Israel's adversaries have often questioned its legitimacy and, in some cases, openly sought its destruction. Acknowledging these truths doesn't preclude another question, which grows more pressing with every passing conflict. Can overwhelming military superiority deliver the peace that Israel ultimately seeks?

The modern Israeli state has demonstrated extraordinary military effectiveness. It possesses capabilities few nations can match. Its intelligence services are admired and feared in equal measure. Its technological prowess is widely recognised. Yet, history suggests that military power, however overwhelming, encounters limits when it confronts questions of identity, memory, and belonging. These can survive even after an army is defeated, a militia dismantled, infrastructure destroyed, leaders eliminated.

The twentieth century offers many lessons in this regard. Empires discovered they could occupy territory, without winning allegiance. Colonial powers discovered force could suppress resistance, without extinguishing nationalism. Movements survived defeat because the ideas that animated them remained alive, among those who carried their memories forward.

Image: AI

Political conflict's sustained by narratives, accumulated grievances, historical wounds, competing visions of justice. These aren't easily neutralised by military means. This doesn't mean that states should abandon the responsibility to defend themselves. Security is indispensable. No govt can ask its citizens to live unprotected, in the face of violence. But security and peace aren't identical concepts. The first can sometimes be imposed. The second ultimately requires accommodation with realities that can't simply be wished away.

One analyst's recent observation that you cannot bomb an idea out of existence, captures a truth that extends far beyond the present conflict. Ideas may lose influence. They may be discredited. They may evolve. But they rarely disappear because force has been applied against them. More often, force reshapes them, hardens them or drives them underground, until they re-emerge in a different form.

For Israel, this raises questions that go beyond immediate military objectives. Its remarkable achievements are undeniable. It's survived against extraordinary odds. It has built a thriving economy, a vibrant democracy, a technologically advanced society. It's demonstrated a resilience that commands admiration. Yet, what kind of future does Israel imagine for itself?

Can a society founded to provide a secure home for a historically vulnerable people, find a way to move beyond the psychology of perpetual mobilisation? Can security eventually be defined by something more than deterrence and vigilance? Can the search for safety culminate in a sense of normalcy, rather than endless preparation for the next confrontation?

These questions become particularly compelling when one considers Israel as a sentinel state. A sentinel is alert. Armed. It protects. Survives. But a sentinel also remains permanently on guard. It watches while others sleep. Expects danger. Scans the horizon endlessly for threats. Its duty never truly ends.

For much of its history, Israel has embraced this role because circumstances seemed to demand it. Vigilance became a necessity. Strength became a condition of survival. Yet, the Jewish search for a homeland wasn't merely a search for survival. It was a search for belonging. It was a search for a place where history's burdens might finally become lighter.

The question, therefore, isn't whether Israel can prevail militarily. The deeper question is whether a nation born from the desire for refuge, can ever find a way to set down the burdens of the sentinel. That's a civilisational question. And it may ultimately determine the character of Israel's future more profoundly, than any battlefield victory.

The writer is a former foreign secretary

Games Within Games: Business, identity politics, technology & quiet playmakers

What World Cup Tells Us About The World

Ali Aslan

Columnist based in Berlin

Halfway through the FIFA World Cup, the tournament has already delivered what football's greatest spectacle invariably promises: drama, surprises, heartbreaks, and a revealing glimpse into the state of the world beyond sport. The scorelines may dominate headlines, but World Cups have always been political and cultural mirrors, as much as sporting contests.

The good news is football itself remains gloriously unpredictable. Pre-tournament favourites such as Spain have, at times, looked listless. In some matches, traditional powerhouses like Brazil and Portugal have discovered that rankings and reputations mean little once the whistle blows. Smaller nations like Cape Verde have arrived not merely to participate, but to compete. Several of the tournament's early surprises have reinforced a trend developing for years: the gap between football's established elite and the rest of the world continues to narrow.

For decades, the World Cup was largely a contest among a handful of European and South American nations. Today, teams from Africa, Asia, and smaller footballing regions, display tactical sophistication, technical quality and physical intensity that have significantly reduced historical disparities.

The tournament has also showcased the enduring power of football as a universal language. In a world fractured by wars, trade disputes, ideological divisions, and increasingly bitter domestic politics, millions continue to gather around a shared sporting narrative. For 90 minutes, citizens who agree on little else can still share the same argument about a referee's decision or a missed chance.

Yet, the tournament has also exposed the less attractive realities surrounding modern football. The most obvious concern remains the tournament's growing commercialisation. Every World Cup seems larger, more aggressively monetised, and more expensive to attend than the one before. The competition has evolved into a vast commercial ecosystem, in which broadcasting rights, sponsorship agreements, and marketing opportunities shape decision-making.

Then there's politics. Every World Cup generates debate about nationalism. It thrives on patriotic emotion. Yet, it also reveals how differently countries understand national identity. Teams increasingly reflect multicultural societies. Squads contain players with family roots across continents – majority of Morocco's players were born outside the country. Fans celebrate diversity in victory and, regrettably, question belonging in defeat.

The tournament so far has demonstrated how quickly sporting narratives become political. Spain's performance against Cape Verde sparked a debate about the absence of Real Madrid players in the squad, while featuring a Barcelona-heavy roster. Another curiosity has been the growing influence of tech. Video reviews continue to improve decision-making, but also alter the emotional rhythm of matches. Goals are celebrated, then suspended pending verification – like it happened for Uzbekistan in their match against Portugal. Moments of spontaneous joy become legal proceedings, sacrificing some of football's organic chaos.

Meanwhile, social media has transformed the World Cup experience. Matches no longer exist only within stadiums or television broadcasts. Players now perform in two arenas simultaneously: the pitch and the digital public square.

But World Cup's broader significance is already visible. The tournament continues to reflect a world undergoing profound change. Power's becoming more distributed. Traditional hierarchies face new challengers. Tech shapes public life. National identities are being renegotiated. Commercial interests exert influence over global institutions. Thus, World Cup remains what it has always been: far more than football and a commentary about the societies watching.

The Spanish Star No One Talks About

Javier Dale

Columnist based in Barcelona

In his football career, Mikel Oyarzabal (born in the Basque town of Eibar) has worn only two shirts: that of Real Sociedad of Donostia-San Sebastián, and that of the Spanish national team. Until last summer, his LaLiga career ran in parallel with that of Imanol Alguacil, who coached him in Real Sociedad B, popularly known as 'Sanse'. Imanol, a Basque born in Orio, played for Real Sociedad for eight years.

At international level – with the U19s, U21s, the Olympic team and the senior side – Oyarzabal has been the favourite player of Luis de la Fuente, Spain's current manager, who was born in La Rioja but historically an Athletic Bilbao player – the club that embodies the essence of Basque football. It was Oyarzabal's goal that secured Euro 2024 for Spain.

Oyarzabal began 2026 World Cup amid criticism. During the first 30 minutes against Cape Verde, the striker didn't touch the ball even once. His response came against Saudi Arabia: he needed only 24 minutes to score twice and provide the assist for Yamal's goal. Those two strikes took his tally for La Roja to 27 goals in 55 appearances. At age 29, he is already the eighth-highest scorer in the history of the Spanish national team, ahead of legends such as Emilio Butragueño, level with Fernando Morientes, and only two goals behind Fernando Hierro, and sixth place on the all-time list.

And yet Oyarzabal does not play for Real Madrid. Nor for FC Barcelona. Nor for historic giants such as Liverpool or Manchester United. He plays for Real Sociedad, a club that hasn't won the Spanish league since 1982, that has reached Champions League only once in the past 20 years, and whose greatest recent achievements are two Copa del Rey titles, in 2020 and this year.

And yet that is precisely why he plays for Real Sociedad.

To a fan unfamiliar with Spanish football, Oyarzabal's career choices may seem incomprehensible. To anyone who knows the game in Spain, they seem perfectly logical. Oyarzabal is a Basque player representing the Basque club of his own province. Basque children do not dream of wearing colours other than those of Athletic Bilbao's 'Leones' or the 'txuri-urdin' (white and blue in Euskera, the Basque language) of Real Sociedad.

How important is Basque football to the history of Spanish football? Spanish newspaper *Marca* presents trophies for LaLiga's top scorer and highest-scoring Spanish player, named after two Basque icons: Pichichi and Zarra.

Pichichi, born Rafael Moreno Aranzadi, was Basque football's first great star. His bust stands at Athletic Bilbao's San Mamés stadium. Zarra was Spain's first great goal-scorer, scoring 251 LaLiga goals before retiring in 1955. His record stood for nearly six decades, until Messi surpassed it Nov 2014.

The two major Basque clubs, Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad, share an intense but sporting rivalry, as well as distinctive recruitment policies supported by the region's nationalist sentiment. Athletic signs only players born in Basque Country or neighbouring Navarre, or at least players with roots there. Sociedad does recruit international players, but the team's backbone comes from local talent: from 'Sanse', from the club's academy, and from the small but historic football clubs of Gipuzkoa province.

For years, Basque football was the finest in Spain. Johan Cruyff's Dream Team at FC Barcelona: Zubizarreta, Bakero, Begiristain, Julio Salinas, Valverde, Goikoetxea, López Rekarte… all came from Real Sociedad or Athletic Bilbao.

Basque football appeared to decline during La Roja's golden era, when Spain won two European Championships and World Cup in succession. Yet the metronome of that team was Basque player Xabi Alonso, a product of Real Sociedad's academy. Similarly, the decisive edge in today's Spanish team bears the name of Oyarzabal. The ultimate one-club man. Heir to the history of Basque football.

Calvin & Hobbes

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It is the law of love that rules mankind. Had violence i.e. hate ruled us, we should have become extinct long ago. Mankind has to get out of violence only through nonviolence. Hatred can be overcome only by love.

MK Gandhi

Ashura: Remembrance Of A Choice

Abdul Majid Hakeem Ilahi

More than thirteen centuries have passed since the tragedy of Karbala, yet the sacrifice of Imam Husain ibn Ali, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, continues to inspire hearts and consciences across nations, cultures, and faiths.

Ashura is the remembrance of a choice. It is the story of a man who stood before overwhelming power and refused to surrender his principles. The man who chose dignity over submission, truth over expediency, and justice over fear. For this reason, Karbala has never belonged exclusively to a single community. Its message transcends geography, ethnicity, and religion. Wherever people struggle against oppression, seek justice, or defend their dignity, the spirit of Karbala finds renewed expression.

Power can compel obedience, but it cannot command legitimacy. Weapons can kill, but they cannot extinguish principles and ideas. Political authority may dominate for a while, but moral authority endures across generations. This is why Imam Husain's stand continues to resonate in every age.

The modern world, despite its technological progress and unprecedented inter-dependence, continues to confront many of the same moral challenges that existed centuries ago. People endure occupation and aggression, as we keep seeing in the news every other day. International relations are too often governed by calculations of hard power rather than commitments to justice. In such circumstances, the message of Ashura becomes extremely relevant.

THE SPEAKING TREE

This year's commemoration comes in the aftermath of an unprovoked US-Israeli attack on Iran. Resistance, as taught by Imam Husain, is not a pursuit of conflict. It is not an ideology of war. It is the determination to remain steadfast when circumstances encourage submission. For this reason, language of resistance should not be misunderstood. It is, at its heart, a moral concept before it is a political one.

The purpose of resistance is not endless confrontation. Its purpose is to preserve justice, safeguard dignity, and create conditions in which peace can be based upon mutual respect rather than domination.

Sustainable peace cannot be imposed through force alone. Lasting peace emerges when justice becomes the foundation of international relations.

For the past year, i have extensively travelled across the length and breadth of India and realised that the remembrance of Muharram occupies a unique place in India's civilisational landscape. The story of Karbala has inspired Muslims and non-Muslims alike. It has been commemorated in villages and cities, among people of diverse traditions who recognised in Imam Husain a universal symbol of courage and sacrifice.

MK Gandhi drew inspiration from Imam Husain's example. Gandhi understood that moral courage possesses a power greater than violence and that enduring change is achieved through steadfastness to truth. Although their historical contexts differed, both Gandhi and Imam Husain demonstrated that the force of conscience ultimately outlives the force of coercion.

In every generation, there are new forms of oppression and new tests of conscience. Circumstances change, but the moral choice remains the same: whether to submit to injustice or stand for principle. That is why Ashura continues to inspire millions.

The writer is representative of supreme leader of Iran in India

Ashura is on June 26

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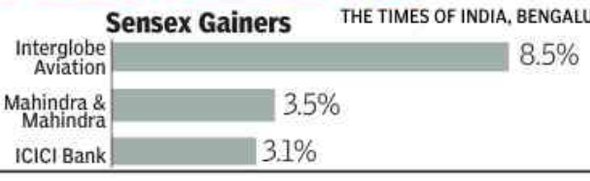
The Week That Was...

Oil Slide Helps Equity Indices Log Third Straight Weekly Gain

Sensex and Nifty had their longest winning streak in seven months, as crude oil prices fell to pre-Iran-war levels. Sensex gained 0.4% to reach 77,100 and Nifty 50 rose about 0.2% to 24,056. Measures to support the rupee and attract overseas inflows also lifted sentiment

Sensex 0.4%

Sensex Gainers



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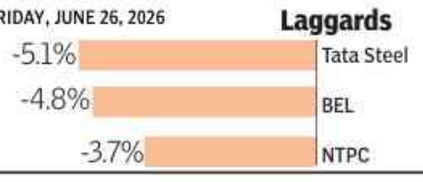

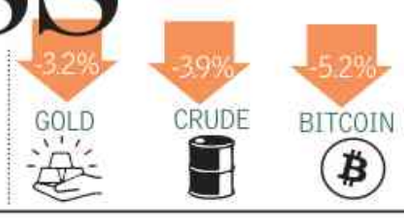

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Was the growth in the core sector in May, the slowest pace since last Oct. Only three of the eight sectors showed higher output

Source: BSE, Reuters, screener.in

Old tariffs may return if 301 probe 'successful': Bessent

Need Comparative Advantage For India In Deal, Says Goyal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: US treasury secretary Scott Bessent said tariffs could return to their previous levels if the Section 301 investigations being conducted by the US trade representative result in fresh levies.

"Right now, we have something called Section 122 tariffs, which is a 10% global tariff. Currently, USTR, ambassador Jamieson Greer, is doing studies for Section 301. And if those studies are successful... then the tariff rates are going to go back to exactly where they were," Bessent said.

The law allows the US administration to impose Section 122 tariffs for 150 days and they are due to expire by July 24. In its interim findings, the USTR has proposed 12.5% additional tariff on imports from India and over 50 other countries for their alleged failure to crack down on imports using forced labour. The results of the second probe on structural excess capacity in 15 countries, including India, are awaited.

Bessent made no bones about American president Donald Trump using the reciprocal tariffs last year to get countries to the negotiating table and strike deals, an objective that the Section 301 outcomes also seeks to achieve. While India and the US have been engaged in talks to finalise a trade deal, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal reiterated the need to ensure comparative advantage for India. "We had negotiated that deal on bringing down 50% tariff to 18%. The whole deal was centred around the competitive advantage over our neighbours and other competing countries. We were lower than all our neighbouring countries, all the Asean countries, other than Singapore.

"We have to have some reason to be able to enter into force the agreement that we have and to ensure that we get a competitive advantage over countries in the same stage of development or same cost structures as India, whether its Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, China apart from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and all our neighbours. Until that framework of getting that competitive advantage can be finalised, we can't enter into force a US deal," Goyal said in London.

2ND PROBE RESULTS AWAITED

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US TREASURY SECRETARY

IBM unveils tech for chip smaller than 1 nanometer

IBM on Thursday unveiled what it said was the world's first technology capable of producing chips smaller than one nanometer, as tech companies race to build semiconductors that can handle increasingly demanding AI workloads. Shares of the Armonk, New York-based company rose over 6% in premarket trading, though later pared gains to about 1.9%. They have fallen about 11% so far this year.

The announcement comes at a time when chipmakers are searching for ways to maintain the decades-long trend of cramming more computing power into smaller spaces, a phenomenon known as Moore's Law. The new chip technology, which bolsters IBM's position to compete with contract chipmakers TSMC and Intel, has a transistor architecture of 0.7 nanometers, or 7 angstroms. IBM said the 0.7-nanometer chip packs nearly 100 billion transistors onto a fingernail-sized surface, about twice the density of its 2-nanometer chip unveiled in 2021, delivering up to 50% higher performance or 70% greater energy efficiency. REUTERS

AllHome bags ₹200cr from Bessemer-led funding round

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Bengaluru: AllHome, a startup founded by the founders of PharmEasy, has raised Rs 200 crore from Bessemer Venture Partners, valuing the company at Rs 2,000 crore.

The funding round also saw participation from Strides and several family offices. The fresh capital will be deployed to strengthen the company's technology platform, expand its experience centres and scale manufacturing capabilities. Founded in 2024 by PharmEasy co-founders Dhaval Shah, Dharmil Sheth, Hardik Dhedhia and Siddharth Shah, AllHome operates in the home interiors and architectural products market, spanning categories such as surfaces, bath fittings, facades, windows, hardware and lighting. The startup seeks to organise a highly fragmented building materials market, where product discovery, sourcing and execution are still largely dominated by local dealers and unorganised suppliers.

Startup will use fresh funds to scale technology, manufacturing and retail footprint nationwide

"This capital infusion accelerates our vision to make AllHome the destination of choice for consumers making purchases for their spaces," said Dharmil Sheth, co-founder of AllHome. "India's building materials market remains predominantly informal and fragmented," said Anant Puri, partner at Bessemer Venture Partners. "AllHome's founder-led, tech-first approach is exactly what the sector needs to unlock its potential."

The fundraise comes amid rising investor interest in India's home improvement and building materials market, with companies such as Infra.Market and Livspace expanding into adjacent categories and building integrated platforms for homeowners.

Bigger play for corporates in debt & money markets

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI has proposed sweeping changes to deepen debt markets, allowing corporate bodies to lend in the term money segment — long dominated by banks and primary dealers — while widening their access to govt securities market.

It has also introduced total return swaps in credit derivatives, which transfer a bond's entire return to the buyer, unlike default swaps that only insure against default.

The draft norms released on Thursday mark a shift away from the tightly controlled framework of 2021, under which call, notice and term money markets were largely the preserve of banks and primary dealers operating under a uniform set of rules. The new approach fragments this structure, selectively widening access to the term segment—defined as unsecured borrowing beyond 14 days and up to one year—while retaining tighter controls over overnight markets.

The central bank has hiked primary dealers' borrowing cap to 400% of net owned funds, from 225%, clubbing term money and inter-corporate deposits.

It has also stretched trading hours to match global clocks and extended call, notice and term market windows to 7pm from 5pm. Banks/AIFIs/NBFCs can lend to non-banks under standard loan norms

In a first RBI has proposed the entry of non-bank financial actors into the term money market. All India financial institutions and non-banking financial companies will now be permitted to both borrow and lend in this segment.

Export reps meet RBI guv Malhotra

Mumbai: RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra met representatives of export federations, export promotion councils, CII's export committee and FEDAI here, with deputy governors in attendance. Malhotra noted exporters' role in India's economic transformation and praised their resilience amid global trade uncertainty and geopolitical challenges, while stressing the need for continued stakeholder engagement to shape policy. Discussions covered Fema-related export rules, export credit, letters of credit and procedural issues, with participants sharing feedback on policy and operational concerns. TNN

US won't abruptly deny AI access to India: Govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The US has assured India that access to critical artificial intelligence technologies will not become a challenge for trusted partners, IT secretary S Krishnan said on Thursday after discussions with US officials on the future of AI collaboration.

The discussions come weeks after the US commerce department directed AI firm Anthropic to restrict foreign nationals from accessing some of its latest AI models, triggering concerns globally over the reliability of access to frontier technologies.

In a video posted by ANI from the sidelines of the 2nd Pax Silica Summit in Washington, Krishnan said India sought clarity on how the US intends to regulate access to advanced AI models and ensure continuity of supply as countries increasingly integrate such technologies into their public services and digital infrastructure.

"We sought an understanding of how exactly the US is looking at this issue and how, in the future, this could be a reliable source of technology because if it is something that is to be used and made available, we can't have abrupt cutoffs," Krishnan said.

He said the Indian delegation was given an understanding of the US approach and assurances that access to technology would not be an issue for trusted partners going forward.

He said the talks also focused on the evolution of the AI ecosystem, the respective roles India and the US can play, and opportunities to deepen cooperation in the technology sector.

According to Krishnan, both sides recognised that no single country can build the entire AI ecosystem on its own and that greater international collaboration would be essential. Discussions also covered the need to create resilient and diversified technology supply chains to reduce dependence on any single geography.

"There was a recognition that India needs to play a much bigger role in the global supply chain," he said.

Adani Airports to invest ₹20k cr in aerocities

New Delhi: Adani Airports will invest Rs 20,000 crore in developing aerocities in the six places where it operates the hubs — Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and Guwahati.

The phase I of this monetisation of land bank at this capex will see 2.2 crore square feet being developed across these six places. The development will span over 655 acres in these five states, including nearly 440 acres in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The proposed "integrated airport cities" will have hospitality, retail, entertainment, convention and commercial infrastructure within walkable urban districts. A subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, AAHL says the development is inspired by "globally successful airport districts such as Singapore's Changi, Dubai International, Amsterdam's Schiphol and Seoul's Incheon." TNN

'AI to be great leveller for small biz'

Mumbai: IDFC First Bank MD & CEO V Vaidyanathan has said that AI will be a great leveller for small businesses, enabling firms without dedicated staff to market on the fly.

In a conversation with ET NOW Leaders of Tomorrow, Vaidyanathan warned India's MSMEs that "if we are not digitised and not using the full power of AI, we are going to miss big opportunities."

Kicking off this year's event themed "Emerging Businesses: The India Advantage", Vaidyanathan framed the 'India Advantage' as demand, digitisation, and entrepreneurship. Speaking as a long-time MSME-focused voice, he flagged a mindset shift from local-only to national/global play. "Earlier, firms stayed local; now they scale national—some go global." Tracing the arc of Indian business — from traditional dal and flour mills to digital-first D2C companies — he called the offline-to-online pivot a big deal. He also highlighted the challenges faced by MSMEs. "Out of 100 entrepreneurs, VCs invest in maybe three or four. What about the balance 95? They don't get equity — and without equity, you don't get debt." TNN

'Excited about growth of quick comm here'

Increasingly Investing Substantial Amounts In AWS, Cloud & AI Biz: Amazon CEO Jassy

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"We're expanding quick commerce to over 300 cities in India

"AI is the most transformative technology of our lifetime.... Almost all our jobs will be transformed in some way...We also end up with new jobs that we'd never imagined before...While there will be changes in nature of what people do, there are going to be plenty of jobs for people in long-term

—ANDY JASSY | CEO, AMAZON

Amazon CEO Andy Jassy has been with the company since 1997 and moved into his current role five years ago. On his first visit to India as chief executive, Jassy announced a further scale up in its investment and a ramp up of the quick commerce business to 300 cities. He also took time out for an interview with **TOI**. Excerpts:

How have things moved in India for you since you took charge five years ago? What is the strategy going forward?

It's very exciting what's been happening in India over the last five years as a country in general and then for us as a company investing in India. We've invested over $40 billion in India since 2010 and we'll invest an additional $48 billion by 2030, including $13 billion we're announcing now. We're making a very substantial investment in India because we see our marketplace business continuing to grow at a very rapid rate. One of the things we've been excited about is the growth of quick commerce here, which has doubled every quarter. Prime members who use quick commerce are shopping three times as frequently as before they started using it. We're also very encouraged by what we're seeing in our AWS (Amazon Web Services) business. We have two regions, Mumbai and Hyderabad, and hundreds of thousands of customers in India. AI is growing very quickly, which is one of the reasons we just announced incremental investment. We're increasing the amount of infrastructure and AI capabilities we have in India because it's growing so quickly.

Can you help us understand how this $48 billion is going to be allocated across business segments?

If you look across the combination of the $40 billion since 2010 and the incremental $48 billion through 2030, the largest absolute amount is still in our marketplace business. But, increasingly we're investing very substantial amounts in AWS, cloud and AI businesses. Most of the incremental $13 billion is for our AI and cloud investments. That will bring our total investment in cloud and AI up to $21 billion in India by 2030.

You are a late entrant to quick commerce. Did you miss the consumer pulse and will the quick ramp-up involve a lot of cash burn?

If you look across our marketplace business, we have an unusual offering. We have focused really hard on having the broadest selection of items that get to people in the fastest amount of time. We also have a membership programme in Prime. If you look at the set of benefits, it's a very differentiated offering. We started experimenting a few years ago with different forms of quick commerce. But a year ago, we found a format that really had resonance with customers. We have expanded it very quickly and just announced that we're expanding quick commerce to over 300 cities in India.

There's this question of AI impacting jobs, especially in a country like India. How do you see that playing out, along with its impact on productivity?

AI is the most transformative technology of our lifetime, which is saying a lot, given we've lived through the internet, mobile and cloud. Every customer experience we know will be changed by AI. Almost all our jobs will be transformed in some way and it can't help but improve the productivity of virtually every job in virtually every country. What happens when you have these big transformative technology shifts is that the nature of what people spend their time on changes. We also end up with new jobs that we'd never imagined before. Fifteen to 20 years ago there was no such thing as a cloud architect and now you have tens of thousands of cloud architects. While there will be changes in the nature of what people do, there are going to be plenty of jobs for people in the long-term.

In your letter to shareholders, you spoke about exploring plans to sell chips to third parties. What is the status? Also, given govt's push towards semiconductors, does Amazon see a role in that space in India?

For about 12 years, we've been designing our own chips. We did that because our customers are always demanding better prices and performance. Several years ago, we started designing our own custom silicon for AI, which we call Trainium, and it has about 30% better price performance than comparable AI accelerators. It's now a $20-billion-plus annual revenue run-rate business. Most of the way we monetise our chips is by selling them as part of our compute offerings. If we sold all the chips to Amazon or third parties, it would be a $50-billion annual revenue run-rate business. The largest AI labs in the world, Anthropic and OpenAI, have made multi-year, multi-gigawatt commitments to our chips. We expect a lot of customers in India that consume those chips.

MacBook, iPad to be costlier by up to ₹70k

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New Delhi: Apple's sharp increase in MacBook and iPad prices in India may be an early sign of broader price increases across the PC industry as the global artificial intelligence boom drives up memory and storage costs.

The company on Thursday raised prices across much of its Mac and iPad portfolio, citing an unprecedented surge in component costs. The base 14-inch MacBook Pro with the M5 chip is now Rs 70,000 more expensive than its launch price, while several MacBook Air and iPad models have also seen significant increases.

"We have never seen a component price increase this much, this quickly," Apple told **TOI**. "We have shielded our customers from these increases so far, but we have now reached a point where we need to begin raising prices on a number of products." Industry executives and analysts say the same pressures are affecting PC makers worldwide as demand from AI infrastructure consumes growing volumes of memory and storage components.

"Demand from AI servers is soaking up DRAM and advanced memory capacity, leaving PC and device makers to compete for supply," said Prabhu Ram, vice-president, Industry Research Group, CyberMedia Research (CMR). "What we're seeing with Apple is unlikely to be an isolated case. If memory prices remain elevated, more brands will eventually have to pass on at least part of the increase to consumers."

Asus, which has already implemented price increases in several markets this year, said the issue is industry-wide rather than specific to any single company.

"The current pricing environment reflects broader supply-demand imbalances rather than brand-specific decisions," Asus told TOI. "Memory and storage are foundational components across all notebooks and PCs, so the impact is visible across categories and industry. Devices with higher RAM and SSD capacities naturally experience a more direct effect," the company added.

COMPONENT COSTS A CONCERN

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- AI boom is driving up memory and storage costs

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—AN OFFICIAL

Global majors commit $95bn over 4-5 years

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After Amazon president and chief executive officer Andy Jassy's meeting with the Prime Minister here on Thursday, the company said in a statement, "The investment will expand AWS data center capacity in Mumbai and Hyderabad, giving startups, enterprises and govt organizations access to custom AI chips, managed AI services, secure and reliable cloud technologies and developer tools to innovate faster, scale rapidly, and serve customers globally." Amazon plans to launch more than 20 new fulfillment centers and over 100 new last mile delivery stations this year.

It also intends to focus on its Trainium chips in India as it evaluates third party sales globally.

Amazon has pledged to support over 3.8 million jobs, enable $80 billion in cumulative e-commerce exports and bring the benefits of artificial intelligence to 15 million small businesses and 4 million govt school students by 2030, the company said.

Apart from Amazon, global giants — from Google ($15 billion) to Air Trunk ($30 billion), Saint Gobain ($1.1 billion) and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ($700 million) — have announced investment plans in the last few months, which cumulatively add up to $95 billion over the next four to five years. A large part of this money will flow into data centres and tech-related initiatives.

"Message is clear: global CEOs see India as the next big growth engine and they are getting in early and investing heavily," said a govt official.

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AMY ADAMS REVEALS SHE ONCE SAVED A STABBING VICTIM WITH SKILLS SHE LEARNED FROM PLAYING A NURSE ON DRAMA 'DR VEGAS'

PROCRASTINATION IS THE ART OF KEEPING UP WITH YESTERDAY
— DON MARQUIS

BENNY BLANCO SAYS HIS MOM TOLD HIM TO MARRY SELENA GOMEZ YEARS BEFORE THE COUPLE TIED THE KNOT: 'SHE PLANTED THE SEED'

Tankers use US-backed route through Hormuz

UK Says Cargo Ship Struck, Iran Terms New Route 'Unacceptable'

Dubai: Several tankers made their way out of the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday using a new route promoted by a UN maritime agency. Iran has threatened vessels using the path, which runs along the coast of Oman. The opening of an alternative passage through the vital waterway would relieve pressure on the world economy and remove Iran's main source of leverage in ongoing peace talks with the US. Secretary of state Marco Rubio, on a visit to Gulf to reassure American allies, said Washington was committed to the new route.

The oil tankers, led by the Stoic Warrior vessel, sailed along the coast of the UAE and then Oman early Thursday, passing by Oman's Musandam Peninsula fairly close to the shore. The route was laid out by Oman and the International Maritime Organisation, a UN agency. Iran said it mined that passage after the US and Israel attacked it on Feb 28, and at least one mine has been sighted there.

A cargo ship, meanwhile, travelling through the new route was hit by a projectile on Thursday, the British military said. The UK Maritime Trade Operations said there were no causalities.

The naval arm of the Revolutionary Guard, apparently reacting to the new shipping route and increased traffic, issued a warning on Thursday, carried by Iran's state-run IRNA news agency. It said the new route was established "without notice or coordination with the Islamic Republic of Iran," calling it "unacceptable and completely dangerous."

"The only authorised route for passing through the Strait of Hormuz is the one declared by the Islamic Republic of Iran," the Iranian naval force said. REUTERS

Reuters

A displaced Lebanese man picks up the pieces of his life after his house was destroyed in an Israeli strike

'Israel hasn't withdrawn from southern Lebanon'

Israeli defence minister Israel Katz said on Thursday that Israel opposed withdrawing from the "security zone" in Lebanon despite pressure to do so, adding that the military would remain in what he called "security zones" in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza for as long as necessary. Israel and Lebanon have been discussing a US-backed proposal for Israeli forces to transfer some of the Lebanese territory invaded in their war with Hezbollah to Lebanon's military. REUTERS

Iraq says it might leave OPEC if production quota not raised: Report

Baghdad: Iraq has considered leaving OPEC if the oil producer group does not allow Baghdad to significantly increase oil production, sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters. The prospect of Iraq leaving would be a serious blow to the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which saw the UAE walk away less than two months ago. Iraq is the group's second-largest producer after Saudi Arabia.

The country relies on oil for the bulk of its income, which has been slashed since the Iran war effectively blocked exports. Govt is grappling with a financial crisis as a result of the war and a significant rise in its OPEC quota should be treated seriously, a senior Iraqi oil ministry official said. Iraq's quota for July is 4.378 million barrels per day though current output is significantly below this because of Hormuz disruption. REUTERS

DEVASTATION

7.2 magnitude quake strikes off Japan, no tsunami warning issued

Tokyo: A powerful earthquake struck off the northern coast of Japan during rush hour on Thursday morning, but the country's meteorological agency said there was no danger of a tsunami and no serious injuries were reported. The temblor shook dozens of towns across northeastern Japan and was even mildly felt in the capital, Tokyo. It hit in an area where strong earthquakes have repeatedly been reported in recent months, including one that triggered a week-long mega-quake caution advisory in Dec.

Eight people were injured in northern prefectures of Aomori and Iwate, the fire and disaster management agency said. Media had no report of life-threatening injuries and the injuries that were reported were mainly from falling or being hit by falling objects.

Quake hits rural California

A rural area of Northern California experienced its strongest earthquake since 1940 on Wednesday, causing some injuries but no immediate reports of major damage, officials said. The epicentre of the quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 5.6, was about 12 kilometres northwest of the agricultural town of Willits, according to the US Geological Survey. It was widely felt, including in the coastal city of Fort Bragg. AGENCIES

USGS model estimates quake toll in thousands

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She said the govt was creating a $200 million reconstruction fund for hospitals and homes damaged by the earthquakes, and had instructed the economy and finance ministers to oversee the effort. "La Guaira state is a true tragedy, and has become a disaster zone," she said.

Emergency workers scrambled over the debris of collapsed buildings in Caracas as night fell, while distraught relatives sought help for loved ones feared trapped. Dazed survivors were taken away, some on stretchers. "When we went downstairs, the scene was like a horror movie," said Maria Alejandra, a resident from a nearby building, who did not give her surname. "We had to climb over the rubble and everything. The building superintendent with the baby and all the neighbours coming down. But from that building, I only saw that one family got out."

Houses collapsed near the quake's epicentre in Moron, a small seaside town in the state of Carabobo, where there was no water or electricity. Three children were among at least eight killed in the area, mayor Emily Riera said.

The US Geological Survey, using predictive modeling to estimate the death toll, said it would most likely run into the thousands, with a substantial probability of exceeding 10,000. A website set up to track missing people by leaders from the country's opposition, many of whom are outside Venezuela, listed more than 24,000 people as unaccounted for at 10.40am local time. Rodriguez said rescue crews from other countries would arrive soon and thanked leaders, including US President Trump and Russian President Putin. US secretary of state Marco Rubio said rescue teams were being deployed and the Pentagon would send assets to the damaged airport.

Other cities and towns close to Caracas affected by the quake, including El Junquito and La Guaira, remained without power on Thursday morning, increasing the challenges. The UN's Venezuela human rights mission urged the govt to lift restrictions on social media, saying it was a "matter of life and death". Access became available in some areas of the country, where cell services are unreliable.

Residents across Caracas, where infrastructure was already crumbling due to lack of investment, rushed to evacuate as buildings shook. Buildings were evacuated as far away as Brazil's Amazon, about 1,700km from Caracas. Maria Romero, an 80-year-old pensioner in southern Caracas, said police helped her out of her home. "This earthquake was horrible, even worse than the one in 1967," she said, referring to a magnitude 6.3 quake that the USGS said killed 240 people. In La Guaira, a man wearing only shorts climbed down the face of an apartment building tilted at a dangerous angle as a crowd watched.

Venezuela lies in a seismically active zone where the Caribbean Plate meets the South American Plate. An estimated 30,000 people were killed when a quake caused widespread destruction in Merida and Caracas in 1812, according to the USGS. AGENCIES

TEN WORST EARTHQUAKES

In terms of magnitude

Year	Place (Country)	Magnitude	Casualties/Damages
1960	Biobio, Chile	9.5	**1,655** deaths
1964	Alaska, USA	9.2	**130**
2004	Sumatra, Indonesia	9.1	**280,000+**
2011	Tohoku, Japan	9.1	**15,000+**
1952	Kamchatka, Russia	9	Over **$1m** damages
2025	Kamchatka, Russia	8.8	**1** dead
2010	Biobio, Chile	8.8	**523** deaths
1906	Esmeraldas, Ecuador	8.8	**1,500**
1965	Rat Islands, USA	8.7	**$10,000+** damages
1950	Arunachal Pradesh / Tibet	8.6	**780** deaths

Source: US Govt

Teesta twist: B'desh-China water pact signals potential friction for New Delhi

Beijing: Dhaka and Beijing Thursday agreed to strengthen cooperation on the management of the Teesta and other rivers and signed 13 agreements to bolster bilateral ties following talks between Bangladeshi PM Tarique Rahman and Chinese Premier Li Qiang. The understanding on cooperation relating to the Teesta may have implications for Dhaka-New Delhi ties given India's sensitivity over the Teesta water-sharing issue.

The understanding was reached at a meeting between Rahman, who is currently in Beijing, and Chinese water resources minister Li Guoying, spokesman of the Bangladeshi prime minister's office Mahdi Amin told reporters.

The two sides also reached a consensus on expanding cooperation in areas such as the Teesta Master Plan, river management, flood-risk mitigation, river dredging, erosion control, irrigation and inland navigation, the state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) news agency quoted him as saying.

During Thursday's meeting with Li Guoying, Rahman highlighted Bangladesh's ongoing river excavation programme aimed at reducing flood risks, protecting the environment, and ensuring the proper management of water resources and sought China's assistance, the BSS reported.

Teesta River flows from the eastern Himalayas through Sikkim and West Bengal before entering Bangladesh. China has for years shown interest in developing the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project, located near India's sensitive Siliguri Corridor. PTI

DAILY PLANET

Reuters

A public outdoor sprinkler system at work in Cologne on Thursday to alleviate high temperatures amid a heatwave in Germany

Spice Girls' debut 'Wannabe' turns 30, amid reunion talk

The Spice Girls burst onto the music scene with the release of their infectious debut "Wannabe" 30 years ago on Friday, carving a place in pop history championing Girl Power, and leaving their mark on fashion and global culture. The British group of five young women formed in 1994, and the irrepressibly catchy "Wannabe" was released on June 26, 1996, initially in Asia. It shot swiftly up the charts to number one in Britain, the US and dozens of other countries. "They weren't just a throwaway pop band," Dominic Mohan, a former editor of The Sun tabloid who covered the British music scene at the time, told AFP. "They were very spirited and they had quite strong messages as well, about feminism and about girl power and about being who you are". And he said of "Wannabe": "It's one of those records, as soon as you hear it you realise that it's going to go down in history."

Swedish minister brings baby to talks in Brussels

Sweden's environment minister Romina Pourmokhtari brought her baby to an EU meeting Thursday, in a barrier-breaking move she said showed it was possible to be both "a present minister and a present mother". "Happy also to be an example of not having to choose between being a present minister and a present mother," the 30-year-old said as Adam rested on her chest. Her French colleague Monique Barbut promptly gave her a baby gift. An EU official said it was thought to be the first time a baby was brought to one of the bloc's ministerial meetings.

Parents file suit after minor raped by Snapchat 'friend'

Missouri (US): The parents of a girl who was raped when she was 12 years old by an adult stranger she met on Snapchat have sued its parent company, Snap, and the attacker in Missouri state court. The lawsuit filed Wednesday claims the social media company has refused to disable dangerous features in its app or warn parents about potential harms it may cause.

According to the lawsuit, the girl began using Snapchat in 2021 when she was 11 without her parents' knowledge. While the app requires users to be 13 to sign up, the lawsuit says the girl does not remember what birth date she entered and that children knew they could easily bypass the minimum-age requirement. About a year after she began using Snapchat, the lawsuit says the app recommended her and teen girls from nearby schools as friends to defendant Gabriel Joel Valentin-Rios, an adult who had no real-life connections to them. It did not warn the children that connecting to strangers might be dangerous.

After the girl and Valentin-Rios connected, Valentin-Rios began sending her unsolicited nude photos, the lawsuit says. The girl "did not want these photographs and, at first, did not reciprocate but Snapchat's product design made it impossible for (her) to avoid such explicit content," it says. As part of its Snap Maps feature, the app also provided Valentin-Rios with the girl's home address without her knowledge. Valentin-Rios then groomed the girl, convincing her that he was a 17-year-old local high school boy, not a 25-year-old man. Eventually he got her to meet him in person and raped her. Valentin-Rios pleaded guilty to statutory rape and is currently serving an 18-year prison sentence in Missouri.

The lawsuit claims Snapchat knew that Valentin-Rios had multiple accounts — even though it is against the app's policies — including one he used to lure teen girls. Snap did not immediately respond to a message for comment Wednesday afternoon. The girl has been diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety and depression, according to the lawsuit.

This is not the first such lawsuit against Snap. New Mexico sued the company in 2024, saying the platform's design features foster sextortion, sexual abuse and unwanted contact from adults to minors. There are also individual lawsuits pending against the company, including one in Vermont on behalf of two 12-year-old girls who were sexually assaulted by an adult they met on Snapchat. AP

Russia denies it is pressuring Belarus to widen conflict

Moscow: The Kremlin on Thursday denied a Wall Street Journal report that it is pressuring Belarus to support an expansion of Russia's war in Ukraine. WSJ reported on Wednesday that Russia wanted to use Belarus as a springboard to step up attacks on Ukraine. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the report "does not correspond to reality" and that Belarus was "our closest ally".

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Thursday he had warned Ukraine not to try to drag his country into war. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has alleged that Moscow wants to get Belarus more involved on the Russian side. "I told them bluntly: 'Tell your president: if he thinks he can talk to us like that - and drag us into a war - then he must understand that the nature of the war would change'," he said. AGENCIES

Taylor Swift to marry? Clues point to wedding next week

Los Angeles: Ready for it? Permits and sources suggest Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce will be married in New York City next week, New York Times reported on Wednesday. Swift, one of the most successful musicians of all time, and three-time Super Bowl champion Kelce announced their engagement in Aug.

A permit was filed with New York City to close the streets around Madison Square Garden from July 2 to midday July 4 for an event on July 3, NYT said, citing three people with knowledge of the matter. City Hall spokesperson Dora Pekec confirmed to Reuters that a permit with those details had been filed.

Several members of Kelce's football team, the Kansas City Chiefs, have booked hotel rooms for dates around July 3 at the Marriott Marquis hotel in Times Square, the paper said. Two sources told the paper the plan called for an intimate gathering of about 100 people at the Garden on July 2, and about 1,000 on July 3 for a "splashier celebration, with possible stage appearances."

Reuters could not immediately confirm that the wedding would take place in July. Representatives for Swift, Madison Square Garden and Winick did not respond to a request for comment. Last week, New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani suggested Swift's wedding would take place soon. He mentioned the singer's nuptials while speaking about the soccer World Cup. REUTERS

Reuters

Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce

Discount diplomacy: Usha Vance's $8.7 maternity dress delivers a priceless message

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Washington: In a city where political leanings are routinely gleaned from coffee orders and canine ownership, America has now arrived at the logical next frontier of cultural analysis: the symbolism of an $8.7 maternity dress from Old Navy, a family-oriented retailer which is said to have democratised fashion.

The garment in question, a coral-coloured stretch dress worn by Second Lady Usha Vance during a Father's Day reading video with her husband Vice President J D Vance, has unexpectedly become the hottest item in Washington since Epstein files and tariff rates, resulting in the politics of pregnancy meeting the economics of discount shopping.

The spark came courtesy of a NYT article examining what it called "The Politics and Power of the Pregnancy Image", a meditation on the visible baby bumps in a bevy of women in Trump-world, including Usha Vance, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt, and former Trump adviser Katie Miller, wife of Trump aide Stephen Miller. The article suggested that these highly visible pregnancies carried political resonance in an administration that openly celebrates the virtues of bigger families and higher birth rates. For most Americans, the dress appeared to communicate a simpler message: "I'm pregnant." For some others, the coral fabric seemed to possess the semiotic complexity of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

YouTube

The garment in question, a coral-coloured stretch dress worn by Second Lady Usha Vance during a Father's Day reading video

Certainly not for Usha Vance: A Yale-educated lawyer, former corporate litigator, mother of three and soon to be four, she responded with the kind of dry humour that can only come from someone who has spent nights reading legal briefs while doing the desi thing during the day — bargain shopping.

"Now that we know the political significance of my $8.7 coral maternity dress from Old Navy, can't wait to hear what the NYT has to say about my elastic-waistband pants and compression socks!" she posted on X, following it up with a coup de grace: A receipt that showed the dress was originally priced at $49.9, reduced through the miracle of markdowns, discounts, and coupons to a final cost of $8.7, less than the cost of a gingerbread latte in nearby Georgetown. In one screenshot, Usha Vance nee Chilukuri managed to accomplish something that Republican consultants have spent years trying to do: make conservatism look less like a country club affiliated with Mar-a-Lago, and more like a suburban mom triumphantly discovering an extra 40% off at checkout. Social media, predictably, loved it. Supporters hailed her as relatable and someone willing to laugh at herself and even some critics grudgingly acknowledged the effectiveness of the response. After all, there is something inherently funny about a political culture capable of transforming a clearance sale purchase into an ideological battlefield.

The episode also reinforced a reputation that has steadily followed the Second Lady since arriving in Washington. Unlike many political spouses who carefully cultivate public personas, Usha Vance often comes across as an independent-minded individual. Rather than complain about media scrutiny, she turned the spotlight back on her critics and invited everyone else to share the joke.

While the fashion world will continue to search for hidden messages written into political wardrobes, the rest of America saw in the dress a universal truth: when you find an extra 40% off coupon, you don't think about politics, you just hit "Add to Cart".

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"I WENT TO THE LOCKER ROOM, ALL ALONE, AND I SHED A FEW TEARS. IT'S AN IMMENSE RELIEF TO RELIVE ALL THIS. IT'S A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE. I THANK GOD FOR BEING ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THIS AGAIN."

—NEYMAR
BRAZIL FORWARD

VINI SOARS UNDER CARLO'S WING

The Brazilian Winger's Goals Have Powered The Selecao, But It Is His Composure & Maturity Under Ancelotti That May Matter More

QUICK BREAK: Vinicius celebrates after giving Brazil the lead against Scotland

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The match was yet to reach the first hydration break. Brazil were already enjoying the gift of an early goal. In the 22nd minute, Vinicius Junior, scorer of the opener, dispossessed Scottish defender Jack Hendry and slotted in what seemed to be Brazil's second. The Scots looked crestfallen but ready to move on. Vinicius celebrated in his signature style with teammates, only for VAR to intervene and spot a foul on Hendry in the build-up — the softest possible touch that apparently impeded the defender.

The Vinicius of Real Madrid might have exploded at a decision like that and invited a card. But on Wednesday, the 25-year-old offered only a mild reaction. He was ready for the next play, scored again, missed a few more and helped Brazil cruise into the Round of 32 as the top team from Group C, ahead of Morocco.

While Vinicius deserves accolades for four goals in three games and for becoming the fifth Brazilian to score in all three group matches, his composure stood out. This is where 'the Mister', Carlo Ancelotti, comes in.

If the Italian gentleman has made the Brazilian look like a transformed player in Selecao colours since taking charge, it was also Ancelotti who helped Vinicius turn over a new leaf in his Real Madrid career in 2021, when the Italian returned to the Spanish giants for a second spell.

Vinicius had endured a wretched season under the outgoing Zinedine Zidane and was often second choice to Eden Hazard whenever the Belgian was fit. Rodrygo, the other Brazilian in the team, was also more to Zidane's liking. But Ancelotti took it upon himself to make the temperamental Vinicius the first winning project of his final club stint.

A winger who could take on the best with his speed — but had looked listless inside the opposition box till then — finally found his feet. The coach instilled belief in Vinicius, treated him with affection and made one crucial tactical tweak: stopped him from taking more than one touch before shooting or playing the final ball inside the box. A player who had scored a total of 15 goals in the three seasons before that finished with 22 in Ancelotti's first year, including the Champions League-winning strike. Add the assists and Real had a star who could no longer be ignored.

7/13 Vinícius Júnior has 7 goals in 13 games with Brazil under Carlo Ancelotti (6 goals in 39 games with all other coaches).

A relationship was forged; mutual trust was created. Even when Real were struggling during the 2024-25 season, with Vinicius and Kylian Mbappe often criticised for not putting in enough defensive work, Ancelotti never threw him under the bus. "I will replace you if you don't run," Ancelotti was heard telling the Brazilian during a hard-fought La Liga game. But once in the press room, facing a hungry Madrid media, there was not a word against Vinicius.

The tactician knew by then that he was going to take over the Brazil job and there was no way he was going to lose his prime weapon. Through thick and thin, two men separated by 42 years have stood by each other. The older one has watched the younger one mature. That has helped Brazil negotiate the choppy waters of the World Cup group stage after a disastrous qualifying campaign in which they finished fifth.

"'Mister' knows how to deal with situations and has the ability to understand the formation necessary for the team that he manages. He can also keep the dressing room happy and maintain the morale of the team," Vinicius said in the mixed zone on Wednesday, praising Ancelotti.

While a 3-0 win was all good, with Matheus Cunha adding the final polish, what was encouraging was the subdued euphoria of Vinicius and his teammates. They know that in a bloated 48-team World Cup, this is merely a baby step and the first real challenge awaits.

Vinicius did plenty right, but the clear chances he squandered even on Wednesday may hurt Brazil when push comes to shove. To his credit, he is putting in the extra effort, from pressing defenders to tracking back when necessary, but Brazil will expect a sharper final output, especially when his xG reads 3.2.

There is no clarity yet on Raphinha's fitness, while Neymar was back in national colours after 981 days and Cunha looked sharp. The midfield comprising Casemiro, Lucas Paqueta and Bruno Guimaraes is not elite, while right-back Danilo left European shores some time ago.

From what we have seen of Brazil so far, they are not better than France, Spain, Argentina or the Netherlands. But Ancelotti knows how to make the most of a team when it is not playing at its absolute best.

If the tactician has to translate his club success into World Cup glory, Vinicius has to become the Kaka of AC Milan, the Didier Drogba of Chelsea, the Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid or simply the Vinicius Junior of Real Madrid again. Can the 'Mister' shepherd his boy to the gold standard of greatness? Brazil is waiting to find the answer.

Subs help Morocco rally to beat Haiti 4-2

Atlanta: Soufiane Rahimi and Gessime Yassine came off the bench to help Morocco rally for a 4-2 victory over Haiti on Wednesday and erase the Caribbean nation's hopes of a first ever point at the World Cup.

Morocco twice came from behind against a team playing on soccer's biggest stage for the first time in 52 years.

MOROCCO 4
Hakimi 39, Saibari 45+1, Rahimi 78, Yassine 89
HAITI 2
Bounou 10 og, Isidor 43

Rahimi's deflected shot in the 78th minute put Morocco ahead 3-2 and Yassine killed off any chance of an upset with a goal in the 89th.

Morocco advanced to the round of 32 in second place behind Brazil in Group C. Haiti took a surprise lead in the 10th minute with a goal that was more than five decades in the making.

Lenny Jospeh's back-heeled flick at the near post went in off the back of Morocco goalkeeper Yassine Bounou for the country's first World Cup goal since Emmanuel Sanon in 1974, Haiti's only other appearance at the tournament. Bounou was officially credited with an own-goal on the play. Morocco pushed for an equalizer and Achraf Hakimi finally got it in the 39th minute. Haiti again took the lead four minutes later when Wilson Isidor scored from outside the box with a shot that flew into the top corner. AGENCIES

Ochoa gets perfect Azteca send-off

Mexico City: If Wednesday's World Cup match marked the last time Guillermo Ochoa appears in Mexico colours, the 40-year-old goalkeeper could not have wished for a better send-off. Brought on for the last 12 minutes with his team 2-0 up against the Czech Republic and cruising into the knockout phase as Group A winners, Ochoa lapped up the acclaim of fans at the Azteca stadium, the venue where he made his senior debut with Club America in 2004.

Making his sixth and final appearance at the World Cup, Ochoa maintained the clean sheet began by Raul Rangel as Mexico scored again late on to finish 3-0 winners. Mexico will play at the Azteca in the round of 32 but barring a goalkeeping emergency he is unlikely to get on the pitch. The veteran keeper, instantly recognisable by his curls, was content with his role. "My first game, Azteca. My last game, Azteca. It's been a beautiful final chapter of my career," he told Mexican TV.

Roared on by a crowd dressed in green, white and red, Mexico did not overwhelm the Czechs but were worthy winners thanks to goals from Mateo Chavez, Julian Quinones and Alvaro Fidalgo. The whole venue saluted Ochoa at the final whistle, a proper show of respect for a player whose flying saves and one-man acts of defiance became part of Mexican footballing folklore. AFP

MEXICO 3
Chavez 55, Quinones 61, Fidalgo 90 + 4
CZECHIA 0

ENDING ON A HIGH: Mexican players give goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa a rousing farewell at the Azteca Stadium on Thursday

SA BREAK THE CEILING

Reach Knockouts For 1st Time With 1-0 Win Over South Korea

IANS

FINDING A WAY: Thapelo Maseko (No. 12) evades a bunch of South Korean defenders

SOUTH AFRICA 1
Maseko 63
SOUTH KOREA 0

3 **This is South Africa's third-ever win in the World Cup, and their first against a non-European team.** They had failed to progress from the group stage in their previous 3 World Cup appearances (1998, 2002 and 2010)

Monterrey (Mexico): South Africa coach Hugo Broos said his team had shut up the 'big mouths' after the 'Bafana Bafana' qualified for the World Cup knockouts for the first time in their history by beating South Korea 1-0 on Wednesday.

The African team, playing in the tournament for the fourth time, finished second in Group A behind co-hosts Mexico, who had a perfect record of three wins out of three.

South Africa, who last featured at the World Cup when they hosted it in 2010, were widely written off after their 2-0 loss to Mexico in their opening match.

But they battled to a draw against the Czech Republic and came out on top in what was effectively a shootout for second place in Monterrey, thanks to Thapelo Maseko's second-half strike. "I'm very proud of the performance of my team and I think we gave an answer to all those big mouths of the last weeks that thought that we had to change something," said a defiant Broos.

"We just did what we did. We just did what I wanted to do and this is the result."

The 74-year-old, who has been at the helm since 2021, said reaching the second round was an emotional moment for South Africa.

"I said it already in the past that probably it will be one of the last games of my career and when you can end a career like I had in this way, I think everybody or every coach dreams of it."

The Belgian said he had always believed in his players despite harsh criticism aimed at them. "Between me as a coach and them as players is yes, maybe something unique — I'm the coach, but I'm not a coach," he said. "I think I'm a friend of theirs. So the relationship between the players and me, this is very good."

South Africa will face Canada, one of the tournament co-hosts, in Los Angeles on Sunday with a place in the last-16 up for grabs. AP

Vargas, Manzambi strike as the Swiss top group

Vancouver: Ruben Vargas and Johan Manzambi scored second-half goals for Switzerland as they beat Canada 2-1 on Wednesday to qualify for the knockout stage of the World Cup as Group B winners, with the tournament co-hosts also progressing as runners-up.

SWITZERLAND 2
Vargas 46, Manzambi 57
CANADA 1
David 76

Switzerland, who finished the group stage on seven points, will remain in Vancouver for their last-32 tie, while Canada, who would have won the group with a draw, ended three points behind them and will head to Los Angeles for their next game.

The two sides managed to create a total of three attempts on goal in an uneventful first half only notable for two yellow cards handed out to Swiss captain Granit Xhaka and Canada striker Cyle Larin after the pair clashed over a quick free kick for Switzerland. The Swiss came out firing after the break. Just a minute into the second period, 20-year-old attacker Manzambi shifted the ball to Vargas, who had plenty of space to set himself before coolly finishing at the near post.

MANZAMBI

Switzerland doubled their lead 11 minutes later. Breel Embolo held the ball up in the middle of the penalty area and laid it off for Manzambi who finished emphatically.

Canada pulled one back in the 76th minute after coach Jesse Marsch rang the changes. Substitute Promise David latched on to Nathan Saliba's pass and guided a fine effort into the corner with his first touch after coming on, lifting the roof at BC Place. Canadian fans chanted "Let's go Canada", but Swiss goalkeeper Gregor Kobel made a string of saves in a frantic finale.

"We are very happy because we won, and we fought until the very last minute," Vargas said. "But I think that Canada went right to the wire. We just seized the opportunity. Obviously, we tried to score earlier, but I am just very happy that I managed to hit the back of the net. During our preparation, the coach told us that we have to be present in the box at all times and I'm just glad that I managed to score." AGENCIES

BOSNIA SEAL KNOCKOUT SPOT

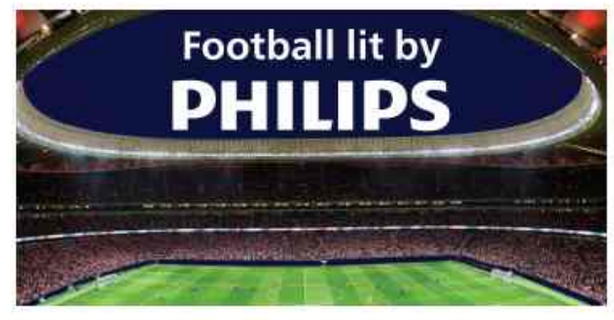
Seattle: Bosnia-Herzegovina reached the knockout stages of the World Cup for the first time after beating 2022 hosts Qatar 3-1 in their final Group B match on Wednesday. Bosnia finished on four points and hours after their game had completed, FIFA announced they will be one of the best eight third-placed teams to progress to the last 32.

The 18-year-old Alajbegovic broke the deadlock. Bosnia scored again when a cross from captain Edin Dzeko, on his 150th international appearance, bounced off a defender and spun into the net.

Hassan Al-Haydos halved the deficit to give Qatar hope before the break. Bosnia substitute Ermin Mahmic scored 10 minutes from time to secure the win that puts his side on four points and in a good position to qualify as one of eight third-placed teams.

Bosnia have played in only one other World Cup — 2014 in Brazil — and didn't get out of the group stage. Bosnia secured a spot by winning in penalty shootouts against Wales and Italy in the European playoffs in March. AFP

BOSNIA 3
Alajbegovic 29, Abunada 34 (og), Mahmic 80
QATAR 1
Haydos 42



A week of tears and heartbreaks

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A football World Cup is a *coup de theatre* that offers a warm reminder that when men do open up about their inner feelings, such a spectacle comes with a unique soulfulness. When Lionel Messi teared up after scoring his first goal against Algeria and getting Argentina off to a perfect start to their title defence, it made us pause and ponder. There was nothing over-the-top about the moment, which followed Messi's penalty miss a few minutes earlier. Rather, the image was poignant and personal, especially since it later emerged that his father was recovering from an illness.

Even a storm needs a place to break. So, Neymar — after making a comeback to the Brazilian team for the first time in almost three years — found a place in the dressing room on Wednesday to unleash his inner "storm" and break down alone. His isolation seemed intimate and restrained, carrying its own emotional charge.

When Turkey's players broke down in a collective expression of anguish after their elimination from the ongoing World Cup earlier than anticipated, it became a tale as much of broken hearts as of a broken system.

With great expectations, Turkey arrived at the World Cup for the first time after their high in the 2002 edition, when their legendary striker Hakan Sukur scored the fastest World Cup goal ever — in 10.89 seconds — in a dramatic 3-2 win against co-hosts South Korea in the third-place playoff match. This time around, they went out without scoring in losses to Australia and Paraguay, 0-2 and 0-1 respectively.

Their combined tally of 62 shots was the most without a goal in any two-match span in World Cup history. "Everybody's crying," said Arda Guler, the 21-year-old pin-up boy of Turkish football. With tears streaming down his face, Tunisian defender Ali Abdi also lambasted his country's dysfunctional football system soon after his team's elimination following two straight losses.

The Tunisian football federation fired coach Sabri Lamouchi immediately after a 1-5 defeat to Sweden in the opening match, and his successor Herve Renard could do little as the team suffered a 0-4 thumping by Japan in the next match.

The Arabic-language daily *Al Chourouk* wrote that the team's collapse had lifted the veil on a "football mafia" in Algeria, which had made history in 1978 by becoming the first African nation to win a World Cup match.

In the shadows of Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and other big stars' record-breaking razzle-dazzle, we often end up experiencing these accidental glimpses of some "other" stories — less perfect but equally touching in their emotional scope.

Perhaps this is also a reminder for our own football. As the system remains flawed and in crying need of a restorative touch, it still appears more challenging than rewarding. We may have come through the challenge of an abridged Indian Super League, but the new season still looks shrouded in uncertainty.

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FOOT IN MOUTH: Miguel Almiron reacts after receiving a red card

AFTER ROUND 2

Matches	48
Goals	141
Own goals	10
Hat-trick	1
Red cards	8
Penalty goals	6

A forgettable record

From some mouth-watering moments, we have also come across a mouth-covering one, as Paraguay midfielder Miguel Almiron made history he would like to forget.

Almiron and Turkish midfielder Mert Mulder exchanged a few words following a foul, with the Paraguayan covering his mouth. Mulder immediately appealed to referee Ivan Barton.

Under a new rule, Almiron was issued a red card, becoming the first player to be sent off for covering his mouth to seemingly hurl abuses.

WHO ADVANCES FROM GROUPS G, H, I

Round of 32 is taking shape and it's clear that **three points may be enough for a third-placed team** – provided it has a decent goal difference – to advance. After the first six groups are out of the way, now is the turn of **G, H** and **I**, which involves teams like controversial **Iran,** surprise pack **Cabo Verde** and big boys **France. TOI** takes a look at the possibilities...

GROUP G

TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Egypt	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
Iran	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Belgium	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
New Zealand	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1

- **Egypt will finish top with a win** against Iran. Even a **draw will take them through**
- Iran **need a draw to stay alive for 3rd place.** Win assures top-2 finish
- **Kevin de Bruyne's** Belgium **need to beat NZ and finish in the top 2** but a **draw will leave them hanging.** Loss will send them home
- Outsiders **NZ will also have a big chance** if they beat the Belgians

GROUP H

TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Spain	2	1	1	0	4	0	4	4
Uruguay	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
Cabo Verde	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1

- Spain vs Uruguay – **a draw should be enough for La Roja,** with a superior GD, to top group
- Draw will keep **Uruguay** alive, but a **win will take them through**
- Little-known **Cabo Verde can be part of 32 with win** against Saudi Arabia, a draw keeps them in the hunt
- The **Saudis need a win** to stay alive in the WC

GROUP I

TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
France	2	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
Norway	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	6
Senegal	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
Iraq	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

- **France** and Norway have qualified. A **draw** for two-time champs France will ensure **top spot.**
- **Haaland's boys** can claim **top spot with a win**
- **Senegal and Iraq need wins to stay alive.** Any other result spells doom for them

SPAIN'S CONTROL VS URUGUAY'S GRIT

SMART WATCH
RAUL GONZALEZ

It's going to be Spain's flair versus Uruguay's resilience in the last league match for these teams. Without getting into predictions, I am tempted to say my country seems to hold an edge heading into this fixture.

This assumption is based on two facts. Spain made a strong comeback after the stalemate against Cabo Verde by showing enterprise and scoring finesse in the 4-0 win against Saudi Arabia. Uruguay were patchy in the draws against these two teams. The European champions will be a different test altogether.

Spain would still be cautious. On paper, Uruguay is the second-strongest team in Group H. This lot is low on quality compared to the previous generation and more physical. Their style doesn't conform with coach Marcelo Bielsa's possession-based pressing method. But their direct approach can disrupt the rhythm of players who like holding the ball.

That's where I see a clash of styles. The Spaniards keep possession and make their way through the opposition half by playing short and quick passes. They rely more on touch and precision than power. It's pleasing on the eye. Uruguay prefer chaos. They don't mind if the process looks ugly. Luis de la Fuente would still be the less worried of the two coaches.

Lamine Yamal's return to the XI brought back the spark missing in the first match. The teenager wasted no time in making his presence felt and was a constant threat down the right. The Uruguayans will come hard at him. They will choke him for space and try other methods.

Yamal was not the lone bright spot for Spain in that game. The cutting edge not seen against Cabo Verde was visible once again. Against a mercurial side like Uruguay, this is a dangerous attack.

Mikel Oyarzabal was lively with his swift movements. Other than scoring ability, Uruguay will also be wary of his diagonal runs and pin-point passes.

What Spain have to careful of is their own defence. This department wasn't tested in the first two games. In a tournament as big as this, it's important to be on your toes from the beginning. With due respect to Cabo Verde and Saudi Arabia, their forwards didn't pose the threat that Uruguay do.

Solid at the back and looking for counterattacks is expected to be the Uruguayan ploy. Real Madrid's Federico Valverde can be a handful in such scenarios with his pace and shooting abilities. His battle with Rodri for midfield supremacy should be interesting. With a goal in each match so far, Maximiliano Araujo is another player to watch. Although Spain are ahead at the moment, the points table can be misleading. Mathematically and otherwise, several possibilities are open. Three teams have a chance of topping the group. So it's important to control what you can. Spain must first ensure things are compact at the back. Once they do that, there is ammunition to trouble any side. PMG

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It's A Clash Of Styles At Estadio Guadalajara

COLD AND BOLD: Spain need Lamine Yamal to stay calm as the Uruguay players will come hard at him

Group H
URUGUAY VS SPAIN
CABO VERDE VS SAUDI ARABIA
5:30 am (Sat) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

France eye top spot against Haaland & Co.

Finishing first would likely avoid an early collision with the likes of Brazil, England and Portugal while reducing travel, but it could place them on a path that could include Germany in the round of 16 and European champions Spain in the semifinals.

Boston: France can secure a more comfortable route through the World Cup when they face Norway in their final Group I match on Friday, though finishing top could leave them facing one of the toughest roads to the trophy.

Assured of a place in the round of 32 after victories over Senegal and Iraq, France need only a draw to finish first thanks to their superior goal difference. Doing so would allow the 2018 champions to remain in Northeastern United States until the quarterfinals rather than embark on a cross-country journey through Dallas, Miami and Atlanta.

Group I
NORWAY VS FRANCE
SENEGAL VS IRAQ
12:30 am (Saturday) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

France are nevertheless expected to make changes. Didier Deschamps, who returned home following the death of his mother, used all five substitutions during Monday's 3-0 win over Iraq. Assistant coach Guy Stephan will oversee the team from the touchline in Boston.

Norway's synchronised rowing celebration has won admirers around the world and victories over Iraq and Senegal have secured their place in the knockout rounds.

Coach Stale Solbakken's side arrive full of confidence after their 3-2 victory over Senegal, but the physical toll of that game could prompt rotation against France. Solbakken said Norway would do all they can to help Erling Haaland claim the Golden Boot, with the striker on four goals, but he may be reluctant to risk his biggest stars with qualification guaranteed. REUTERS

BELGIUM NEED TO FIND QUICK SCORING FIX

Vancouver: Belgium come into their final World Cup Group G game against New Zealand on Friday knowing they have to hit the ground running after two underwhelming displays.

Striker Romelu Lukaku has struggled for form and fitness, while Jeremy Doku has just returned from England after the birth of his first child.

Belgium opened their campaign with a 1-1 draw with Egypt in which they created plenty of chances but struggled to get them on target. The alarm bells really started ringing with Lukaku leading the line as they were held to a 0-0 draw by Iran when they had 23 chances, with seven on target.

Winger Doku skipped the Iran game after having breathing issues in training and used the time to be with his wife, who gave birth to a boy on Monday.

Belgium go into their final group game against the Kiwis in third place with two points, trailing leaders Egypt, who have four, and Iran on two but are second on goal difference. New Zealand are bottom on one point. REUTERS

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US OFFICIALS CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR TAREMI, ASST COACH: IRAN

Seattle: US host officials "caused problems" for Iran forward Mehdi Taremi and assistant coach Saeed Alhoei, delaying their delegation as they travelled to Seattle for the World Cup match against Egypt, Iran's football federation said on Wednesday.

Iran's ISNA news agency, citing the federation, said team members were waiting for Taremi and Alhoei to rejoin the group.

The reported incident comes days after US authorities eased travel restrictions on Iran's World Cup delegation following complaints from Tehran and the team that strict entry rules were disrupting preparations.

FIFA gives green light for rainbow flags at Egypt v Iran

Fans will be allowed to bring rainbow flags when Egypt face Iran in Seattle's designated "Pride Match" at the World Cup, FIFA said on Thursday, setting up an awkward collision between local celebrations and two nations where homosexuality is criminalised. Friday's group game falls on Seattle's Pride weekend, a scheduling quirk that emerged only after Dec's draw. REUTERS

SNAP SHOTS

Sai's century powers India 'A'

Sai Sudharsan's century and unbeaten fifties from skipper Dhruv Jurel and Shaik Rasheed put the India 'A'in control at 333/4 on Day 1 of the unofficial Test series against Sri Lanka 'A' in Galle on Thursday. **Brief scores: India 'A': 333/4 in 86 overs** (Sai Sudharsan 132, Dhruv Jurel 68 batting Shaik Rasheed 53 batting; Dilum Sudeera 2-98) **vs Sri Lanka 'A'**

NZ openers break record: New Zealand took control of the third Test at Trent Bridge with Tom Latham and Devon Conway setting a record partnership for the Kiwis against England on Thursday. The duo eclipsed the mark of 276 set by Jackie Mills and Stewie Dempster in 1930 with an opening stand of 317. **Brief scores: New Zealand: 361/4 in 84.1 overs** (Tom Latham 151, Conway 157) **vs England.**

Osaka reaches semis: Naomi Osaka is through to the semifinals of the Wimbledon warm-up tournament in Bad Homburg, Germany after a dominant win over Ekaterina Alexandrova on Thursday. The Japanese won 6-2, 6-2.

Tanvi, Srikanth advance: Tanvi Sharma and Kidambi Srikanth began their US Open badminton campaign with comfortable wins in Fullerton, USA . Tanvi defeated Yvonne Li of Germany 23-21, 21-16 while Devika Sihag beat Ines Lucia Castillo of Peru 21-14, 21-14 in the first round on Wednesday. Fifth seed Kidambi Srikanth defeated D Saneeth 21-14, 21-12.

Panthers prevail: Bangalore Panthers FC claimed a 3-0 win over Ramamurthy Nagar FC in the KSFA 'D' division football league. **Results:** Power Play 3 (Sunit 4, 46, Raju 35) bt Revolt 0; KGF 3 (Yuvan 4, 24, Karthi 10) bt VPS 0; FCA Bengaluru 1 (Lokesh 12) bt Spodermy 0; Willow Sportz 1 (Pradeep R 10) drew with Mysore UFC 1 (Madhan M 18); Gajendra Nagar 6 (Jayanth S 2, 45, Anbarasu R 8, Harish B 35, Sharath Kumar S 50, Altamash Abrar-50+1-OG) bt Team Plan C 0; Bangalore Panthers FC 3 (Pranav S 9, Prem Mohan M 15, Gowtham BK 41) bt Ramamurthy Nagar FC 0; Zenit Intl FA 1 (Chunggoulen Khawbung 25) bt Mercurial FC 0.

Scratchy India keep SFs hopes alive

Claim Five-Wicket Victory Over B'desh

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The good news: India kept themselves in the hunt for a semifinal berth at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup with a five-wicket victory over Bangladesh in Manchester on Thursday.

The reality check: They got lucky against Bangladesh, but performances like the one they turned in on the day could prove costly against teams like Australia, who they face on Sunday in their last league engagement.

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TOP SHOW: Shafali Verma smashed eight fours and a six on Thursday: **Right:** Radha Yadav

WOMEN'S T20 WC

Four dropped catches in the Powerplay and 10 extras, including seven wides, are hardly the hallmarks of a competitive side. Asked to field first, the reigning ODI champions were sloppy on the field. Spinner Shree Charani (2/21) bore the brunt of her teammates' lapses, with three catches going down off her bowling. Juairiya Ferdous was handed three reprieves, one each by Yastika Bhatia, Radha Yadav and Nandani Sharma, who also dropped Sobhana Mostary.

Additionally, Nandani was warned twice for running on the pitch. India had an opportunity to bowl Bangladesh out for under 100, but failed to capitalise on the chances created. The dropped catches allowed Bangladesh to recover and post 136/8.

Radha, who replaced Prema Rawat in the playing XI, made amends for her missed opportunity in the field by claiming three wickets. Renuka Singh, brought in for Arundhati Reddy, provided the first breakthrough when Dilara Akter pulled a short ball straight to Shree Charani in the deep. Juairiya (33), Sobhana Mostary (22) and captain Nigar Sultana (32) all got starts but failed to convert them, while the rest of the batting line-up struggled to make an impact. India's chase began in a contrasting fashion. Smriti Mandhana (8) departed in the third over, but Shafali Verma, who had survived a dropped chance in the opening over, responded with an innings packed with power and backed by placement.

Her 53-ball 34 (8x4; 1x6) was entertaining as she set the early tone with a flurry of boundaries and topped it with a massive six off Shanjida Akter, which she sent over the long-on boundary.

In an anti-climax to a classy innings, she lost balance and wicketkeeper Sultana was quick with the stumping off Nahida Akter's bowling. By then, India appeared to be cruising towards victory. However, the middle-order's familiar inconsistencies resurfaced as Yastika Bhatia and Richa Ghosh departed in successive overs. Jemimah Rodrigues (26), after surviving a run-out scare following a mix-up with skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, looked set to guide India home before miscuing Ritu Moni to Marufa Akter at short third. It looked like India were preparing to hit the panic button, but Deepti Sharma completed the chase with a boundary. **Brief scores: Bangladesh: 136/8 in 20 overs** (Juairiya Ferdous 33, Nigar Sultana 32; Shree Charani 2-21, Radha Yadav 3/28) **lost to India: 139/5 in 16.5 overs** (Shafali Verma 53, Jemimah Rodrigues 26; Ritu Moni 2/29).

Focus on Sooryavanshi, Samson

Belfast: Accommodating teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi in the starting eleven will be the toughest riddle for the team management when India step into a new T20 era under Shreyas Iyer in the first of a two-match series against Ireland here on Friday.

There is heightened interest surrounding Sooryavanshi's possible international debut after the 15-year-old's stunning run in the Indian Premier League and a marauding 29-ball 94 for India A against Sri Lanka A in a tri-series one-day match at Dambulla. But acceding to the popular demand will not be easy for the think tank.

Currently, India's top three batters are: Sanju Samson, Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan. And their overall and recent T20 records are not easy to ignore. PTI

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BCCI ombudsman disqualifies Menon

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Bengaluru: In a blow to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) administration, the BCCI ombudsman has disqualified secretary **Santosh Menon** on the grounds that he completed a cumulative nine-year tenure.

Based on a complaint filed by Dolphin Cricketers, a KSCA institutional member, the ombudsman has said that Menon, having completed the nine-year tenure, cannot continue, and declared the post vacant. Justice (rtd) Arun Mishra (rtd), the ombudsman, in an order dated June 24, stated that Menon's tenure ended on Dec 16, 2025,

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nine days after he assumed charge following the elections held on Dec 7.

"Rules under the provision of cooling off. The Respondent No. 3 (Menon) has completed a cumulative term of nine years as a member of the Managing Committee and as an office-bearer; he is disqualified u/s 6B(3)(g)," the ombudsman stated in the order. Menon served nine years in office, including his term as a managing committee member, and the order pointed out that the term served as an MC member cannot be excluded from the nine-year tenure.

"The provisions of 6A and 6(B)(2)(e) do not come to the rescue in case a person is holding different posts, then the period for all the posts has to be cumulated under Rule 6(B)(2)(g) of KSCA Rules. Same is provided in Rule 3(b)(i) of the BCCI constitution, that no 'post' can be held for more than 9 years.

"The office bearer is also a member of the Managing Committee or Apex Council. As such, it is apparent that his tenure has to be cumulated for holding the post of Managing Committee as 'office bearer' or as 'Managing Committee member', otherwise the entire purpose of the nine-year cap each for BCCI and State association would stand diluted," stated the order.

Justice Mishra further observed that Rule 41 of the KSCA constitution relating to the tenure of office-bearers does not constitute an embargo in the present dispute. The ombudsman consequently directed the BCCI and KSCA to take further appropriate steps.

KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad said in a statement that the association would seek legal recourse. "We have taken note of the order passed by the BCCI ombudsman and are presently examining it. Appropriate legal advice is being sought to evaluate all remedies and options available under the law," Prasad said.

He also pointed towards an earlier order by the KSCA ombudsman, who ruled Menon eligible. "This is particularly so since the order dated Feb 5, 2026, passed by the ombudsman of the KSCA, Justice (rtd) AS Bopanna, which is binding on all members under the KSCA bye-laws, but unfortunately the BCCI ombudsman has taken a contrary view on the issue. The legal effect and interplay of the two orders are presently under examination," Prasad added.

Pole borrowed, record broken

Sindhushree Vaults To NR, Asiad Berth

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Bhubaneswar: Karnataka's **Sindhushree G** rewrote the women's pole vault mark on the second day of the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships at the Kalinga Stadium here on Thursday.

The diminutive athlete cleared 4.25m to better the previous national record of 4.23m held by Baranica Elangovan. In the process, she also qualified for the Asian Games, comfortably surpassing the qualifying mark of 4.10m. Interestingly, Sindhushree arrived in Bhubaneswar with a pole that belonged to a friend and that made a huge difference.

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"Her earlier pole had become loose, so we were looking for a stiffer pole that would suit her better. Fortunately, her friend Rahul, who is also a national-level pole vaulter, had one. He had mistakenly bought a pole that wasn't ideal for him but turned out to be perfect for her," said coach Vijesh MM.

Amidst the celebrations, Sindhushree could not help but think of her father, R Ganesh, who had been her biggest supporter during her formative years but would not be around to see her represent India in Japan. "My family did not have any sporting background, so they did not support my decision at first. Also, because I am a girl, they were hesitant to let me take up sport," she said, holding a picture of her father.

"But my father stood up for me. He fought with everyone and enrolled me at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru in 2016." However, Ganesh died in 2022 following a heart attack, leaving Sindhushree's mother and sister to navigate difficult circumstances. With her grandfather, Krishnappa, stepping in to support the family, Sindhushree was able to continue pursuing her sporting dream.

Meanwhile, Vijesh believes Sindhushree, who qualified for World University Games last year but failed to register a mark, still has plenty of room for improvement. But ahead of Asiad, rather than making technical changes, he wants to focus on providing the right support. Meanwhile, among the other major results, Animesh Kujur won the men's 200m in 20.74s to seal his place for the Asiad.

Unnathi, Prakruthi qualify

Animesh Kujur won the men's 200m in 20.74s to seal his place in Japan. In the women's 200m Karnataka's Unnathi Bollanda (23.4s) and Prakruthi Roopa Rao (23.588) qualified for the Asiad as they finished second and third respectively behind Harita Bhadra of Maharashtra who won in 23.14s.

Mysuru girls have it easy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Mysuru 'A' put on a dominant display against Appaiah BC 70-38 in the girls' section of the State youth (U-16) upper pool super league basketball championship in Bengaluru. In the boys' section, AVBC edged past Beagles BC 63-61 in a thriller.

Results: Boys: AVBC 63 (Aryan 25, Achyuthkumar 16) bt Beagles BC 61 (Raghav 23, Asher 15, Saurav 12) HT: 29-38; Southern Blues 58 (Benorr 17, Dhruv 16) bt IBBC 56 (Tarun 16, Smirithik 15) HT: 27-31; Vimanapura SC 74 (Siddesh 30, Aditya 29) bt IBBC 70 (Tarun 23, Shrithik 13, Kavin 13) HT: 30-29; MNK Rao Park BC 1C 81 (Vasisht 31, Ujwal 20, Pranav 11) bt Beagles BC 72 (Pradyun 15, Asher 15, Raghav 14, Shourya 14) HT: 26-32. **Girls:** Mysuru A 70 (Aanchal 22, Shreshta 17, Revathi 13) bt Appaiah BC 38 (Tia Rohom 16) HT: 47-17; Bangalore Vanguards 50 (Aarushi 15, Sanjana 10, Suhanvi 10) bt MCHS 39 (Livdeep 12) HT: 26-18; Mysuru A 60 (Aanchal 24, Shreshta 16) bt Vivek's SC 48 (Manasvi 16, Aarohi 12) HT: 35-17; Beagles BC 65 (Adel 23, Saanvi 15) bt Bangalore Vanguards 48 (Suhaavi 15, Aarushi 13) HT: 23-26.

BASKETBALL

Mangaluru ease past Warriors

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Mysuru: Coastal Kings Mangaluru claimed their second win of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 here on Thursday. On the back of Shreyas Gopal's all-round show (84 n.o & 2-25), they beat Mysore Warriors by six wickets at the SDNRW Ground.

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Opting to bat, Warriors suffered the worst possible start as Koushik V (3-43) sent back opener Karthik SU in the second ball of the contest. Chethana LR (67) was involved in two half-century stands with Vishal Onat and Karthikeya KP to put them in a good position at 106/3 at the start of the 12th over. However, Warriors were restricted to 191/9 in 20 overs.

ALL-ROUND SHOW: Shreyas

Mangaluru were in all sorts of trouble during the chase as they were 42/3 in 4.5 overs. But senior pros Karun Nair (61, 32b, 6x4, 3x6) and Shreyas held fort with a 123-run stand for the fourth wicket. Captain Nair, who departed in the 15th over, did his job while Shreyas, who hit nine fours and three sixes, saw his team home with 14 balls to spare.

After a day's break, the tournament moves to Hubballi for the second leg, with Shivamogga Yodhas taking on table-toppers Bengaluru Blasters in the opener.

Brief scores: Mysore: 191/9 in 20 overs (Chethana LR 67, Yuvraj A 37, Koushik V 3-43, Shreyas Gopal 2-25) **lost to Mangaluru:** 195/4 in 17.4 overs (Karun 61, Shreyas 84 n.o.; Arbind 2-31). **Hubli Tigers 119/9 in 20 overs** (Shikhar Shetty 27 n.o; Kranthi Kumar 3-17) **lost to Gulbarga Mystics 120/3 in 13.2 overs** (Thippa Reddy 34 n.o, Macneil Noronha 42 n.o; Shikhar 2/-6).

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